



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

The Resource Management Commission (RMC) convened on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at Town Lake Center, 721 Barton Springs Road, in Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Cyrus Reed at 6:01 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance: Cyrus Reed, Vice Chair; James Dwyer, Andrew Gill, Susanne Vaughn, Kaiba White and Michael Wong. Leo Dielmann, Chair; Shane Saum and Gregory Santiago were absent. (There are two vacancies on the RMC.)

Staff in Attendance: Mark Jordan and Joseph Gonzales of Austin Water; Jackie Sargent, Mark Dreyfus, Denise Kuehn, Danielle Murray, Kurt Stogdill, and Hayden Migl of Austin Energy.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Approve minutes of the July 19, 2016 meeting.

Motion to approve by Ms. Vaughan, seconded by Mr. Wong, passed on vote of 6-0.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL

- Fred McGhee stated his support for solar and that there should be equity in regards to community solar pricing. He also said he would send a white paper to commission members on the topic.
- Angela Benavides Garza stated the community solar project can be used as an example to be duplicated throughout the City, access to it needs to be equitable, and it needs to be affordable.
- Dave Cortez said he has had discussions with Austin Energy how access to community solar can be opened up to those in the community and he is training individuals to go door-to-door when the program is started.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Recommend authorization to negotiate and execute a contract with STEM, INC., to provide integrated energy storage systems and control software implementation services for Austin Energy's SHINES project, in an amount not to exceed \$750,000. **Motion to recommend approval by Mr. Wong, seconded by Ms. White. Passed on a vote of 6-0.**
- b. Recommend approval for the issuance of a Letter of Intent for a rebate to NXP SEMICONDUCTORS in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the installation of treatment and filtration systems, pumps, storage and distribution piping to recycle treated manufacturing process rinse water to offset the use of potable water. **Motion to recommend approval by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Dwyer. Passed on a vote of 6-0.**
- c. Discussion and possible action regarding service by a Commissioner on Austin Water's Cost of Service Study Public Involvement Committee. Joseph Gonzales, Austin Water, described the Cost of Service Public Involvement Committee, reason for the cost of service study, and the process. **Mr. Dwyer volunteered to serve as the representative from the Resource Management Commission. Motion to approve Mr. Dwyer's selection by Vice Chair Reed, seconded by Mr. Wong. Passed on a vote of 6-0.**

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS

- a. Quarterly Report from Texas Gas Service. Julie Hatfield and Larry Graham provided the report from Texas Gas Service. Discussion included a timeline of their 2017 budget development, including a presentation of the proposed budget to the RMC proposed budget in the next couple of months.

Vice Chair Reed recognized Austin Energy's new General Manager, Jackie Sargent, and asked her to address the commission. Ms. Sargent introduced herself and provided an outline of her goals and points of emphasis for the utility.

- b. Update regarding demand side management programs following approval of new electric rates and the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget. Denise Kuehn, Energy Efficiency Services Director, provided the update. Discussion included the possibility of studying on-bill financing in the current fiscal year. She said conversations between Energy Efficiency Services and Customer Care staff would occur.
- c. Update on the Solar Program. Danielle Murray, Solar Program Manager, provided the update. Discussion included how to involve nearby residents in the community solar project, marketing methods, and current studies by Austin Energy regarding solar policy and the value of solar.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action on accelerating the target for local solar in the Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan, including a report from the Working Group (Sponsors: Commissioner White and Vice Chair Reed). Ms. Murray stated that she anticipates that Austin Energy may reach the current goal for local solar in 2019. Ms. White stated that there will be meetings of the Solar Working Group in October, December, and February.

6. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONER(S)

Report from Commissioner White regarding the Joint Sustainability Committee. Ms. White stated the committee met at the end of July and made budget recommendations, including the hiring of additional staff to enforce the energy code.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice Chair Reed requested items on the Generation Plan update process and electrification of Capital Metro's fleet, if that falls within the purview of the RMC. Ms. White requested an update from the Development Services Department regarding energy codes; how are they working, implementation issues, and a budget update.

ADJOURN – Vice Chair Reed adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:37 p.m.