



## **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 21, 2017**

The Resource Management Commission (RMC) convened a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at Town Lake Center, 721 Barton Springs Road, in Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Chair Leo Dielmann at 6:25 p.m.

**Commissioners in Attendance:** Leo Dielmann, Natasha Madison, Gregory Santiago, Susanne Vaughan, Kaiba White and Michael Wong. James Dwyer, Andrew Gill, Cyrus Reed and Shane Saum were absent. There is one vacancy on the RMC.

**Staff in Attendance:** Mark Jordan of Austin Water; Rondella Hawkins of the Office of Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs; and Debbie Kimberly, Denise Kuehn and Toye Goodson of Austin Energy.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approve minutes of the special-called December 13, 2016 meeting.  
**The motion to approve, by Chair Dielmann and seconded by Commissioner Vaughan, passed on 6-0 vote with Commissioners Dwyer, Gill, Reed and Saum absent.**
2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL**  
There were no speakers.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

3. Recommend issuance of a rebate to Seton Family of Hospitals for installing energy efficiency measures at the Dell Seton Medical Center at The University of Texas, located at 1500 Red River Street, in an amount not to exceed \$263,741. (District 1)  
**The motion to approve, by Commissioner Vaughan and seconded by Commissioner Wong, passed on 6-0 vote with Commissioners Dwyer, Gill, Reed and Saum absent.**
4. Approve a resolution to ensure an early planning process for Texas Gas Service's Fiscal Year 2018 Conservation Budget.  
The draft resolution was brought forward by Chair Dielmann and Vice Chair Reed. Rondella Hawkins, of the City of Austin's Office of Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs, answered questions regarding the tariff and franchise agreement relating to Texas Gas Service. Speaker Paul Robbins said the RMC did not have the opportunity to weigh in on the conservation budget last year and he had no intent to exclude Texas Gas Service from the conversation. A Working Group, composed of Chair Dielmann and Commissioners Vaughan and White, was formed to revise the resolution for discussion at next month's meeting when staff from Texas Gas Service would be available to answer questions and provide input.

### **STAFF REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS**

5. Quarterly update from Austin Water by Mark Jordan, Water Conservation Program Coordinator.

### **REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

6. Update on the work of the Electric Utility Commission Resource Planning Working Group from Vice Chair Reed – In Vice Chair Reed's absence, the update was provided by the other RMC representatives to the Working Group, Chair Dielmann and Commissioners Vaughan and White.

7. Update on the work of the City of Austin Joint Sustainability Committee – Commissioner White provided an update.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

8. Discussion and possible action on starting future RMC meetings 30 minutes later, at 6:30pm.  
**The motion to approve, by Chair Dielmann and seconded by Commissioner White, passed on 6-0 vote with Commissioners Dwyer, Gill, Reed and Saum absent.**

#### **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Items planned for the March meeting include: a quarterly report from Texas Gas Service and continuation of the proposed resolution relating to Texas Gas Service; an update on the Resource Plan; a briefing on the review of the commercial value of solar; and further discussion on a solar-ready amendment to the energy code. Commissioners requested that the discussion of Development Services Department funding for additional inspectors to enforce the energy code be held in April.

**ADJOURN** – Chair Dielmann adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:15 p.m.