



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES MAY 16, 2017

The Resource Management Commission (RMC) convened a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at Town Lake Center, 721 Barton Springs Road, in Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Chair Leo Dielmann at 6:35 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance: Leo Dielmann, Chair; Cyrus Reed, Vice Chair; James Babyak, Scott Kohan, Natasha Madison, Susanne Vaughan and Kaiba White. Derrick Lesnau and Gregory Santiago were absent. Ms. Madison arrived after approval of the minutes. There are two vacancies on the RMC.

Staff in Attendance: Paul Lewis of the Office of Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs; Jennifer Walls of Fleet Services; Beth Culver of the Development Services Department; Debbie Kimberly, Khalil Shalabi, Sathibabu “Babu” Chakka, Denise Kuehn, Danielle Murray, David Hood, Kurt Stogdill, Heidi Kasper, Michael Husted and Toye Goodson of Austin Energy.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approve minutes of the March 21, 2017 meeting. **Motion to approve by Chair Dielmann, seconded by Vice Chair Reed, passed on 6-0 vote.**
2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL**
There were no speakers.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Recommend issuance of a rebate to GW BLOCK 23 OFFICE, LLC, for performing energy efficiency improvements at 500 West 2nd Street, in an amount not to exceed \$81,453. (District 9) **Motion to approve by Commissioner White, seconded by Vice Chair Reed, passed on a 7-0 vote.**
4. Recommend issuance of a rebate to TX Apartment 33 Management LLC, for performing energy efficiency improvements at the Villas Del Sol Apartments located at 1711 and 1647 Rutland Drive, in an amount not to exceed \$107,553 (District 4). **Motion to approve by Vice Chair Reed, seconded by Commissioner White, passed on a 6-0-1 vote with Commissioner Babyak abstaining.**

STAFF REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS

5. Update from the City of Austin Fleet Services regarding the Fleet Carbon Neutral Plan by Jennifer Walls, Interim Director, City of Austin Fleet Services.
6. Annual Update from Austin Energy regarding the Residential and Commercial Value of Solar by Danielle Murray, Manager, Solar Program.
7. Update from Texas Gas Service regarding the 2016 Evaluation, Measurement and Verification (EM&V) study and the proposed resolution described in Item #9. See Item #9.

OLD BUSINESS

8. Discussion and possible action regarding a “solar-ready” local amendment to the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code. Kurt Stogdill and Heidi Kasper, Austin Energy Green Building, provided an update. **Motion to approve, with two changes, by Vice Chair Reed,**

seconded by Commissioner White, passed on a 6-1 vote with Commissioner Vaughan voting against. The two recommended changes to the ordinance are shown below.

PART 1. City Code Chapter 25-12 (Technical Codes) is amended to add to Article 12 (Energy Code) as follows:

§25-12-263 LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE ENERGY CODE

(B) The following provisions are local amendments to the residential provisions of the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code. Each provision in this subsection is an addition to the Energy Code.

R407.10 Multifamily buildings. New multifamily buildings of four stories or fewer must have a Solar-Ready Zone that is not less than ~~25%~~ 35% of the total roof area of the building.

Exceptions:

1. A building with a Solar-Ready Zone that is shaded by trees or adjacent structures for more than 50% of annual daylight hours.
2. A Building Site on which the applicant has demonstrated, through documentation, existence of a unique hardship preventing compliance.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding a resolution to ensure an early planning process for Texas Gas Service's Fiscal Year 2018 Conservation Budget (Dielmann, Reed)

Speaking on this item, Paul Robbins recommended an annual savings goal of 1% of Texas Gas Service's annual sales. In response to concerns that some customers may not want to participate in the conservation program, he said it was essentially a community benefit charge that benefited the whole community—the gas system, environment and regional economy. He also urged removal of programs that were not cost effective with the exception of low income and pilot programs.

Larry Graham, Julie Hatfield, and Hayley Cunningham of Texas Gas Service, and Paul Raab, economic consultant for Texas Gas Service, provided data and answered questions.

Commissioners postponed action on this item so that additional requests for data could be provided.

ANNUAL INTERNAL REVIEW REPORT

10. Discussion regarding the Annual Internal Review Report to be submitted by July 31, 2017 to the Office of the City Clerk

Chair Dielmann asked Commissioners to send ideas for Section 3, goals and objectives, to the staff liaison for inclusion in the draft report to be reviewed at next month's meeting. He asked the liaison to include their mission statement and to compile information for Section 1, actions supporting the mission statement, in the draft report.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

11. Election of Chair and Vice Chair (Term: May 1 to April 30)

Motion by Commissioner Vaughan to re-elect Leo Dielmann to serve as Chair, seconded by Commissioner Babyak, passed on a 7-0 vote. Motion by Commissioner Vaughan to reelect Cyrus Reed to serve as Vice Chair, seconded by Chair Dielmann, passed on a 7-0 vote.

12. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioners made the following requests: consider changing the date of the July meeting; continue discussion of Texas Gas Service's conservation program; Customer Energy Solutions' proposed budget; the EM&V RFP; Resource Plan update and recommendation; and CPS' SolarHost program.

ADJOURN – Chair Dielmann adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:08 p.m.