



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 17, 2017

The Resource Management Commission (RMC) convened a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at Town Lake Center, 721 Barton Springs Road, in Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Reed at 6:36 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance: Vice Chair Cyrus Reed, James Babyak, Rebecca Brenneman, Scott Kohan, Derrick Lesnau and Susanne Vaughan. Leo Dielmann, Chair; and Commissioners Natasha Madison and Kaiba White were absent. (There are two vacancies, Districts 4 and 5.)

Staff in Attendance: Rondella Hawkins of Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs; Mark Jordan of Austin Water; and Toye Goodson of Austin Energy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of the August 15, 2017 meeting. **Motion to approve by Commissioner Vaughan, seconded by Commissioner Kohan, passed on 6-0 vote, with Dielmann, Madison and White absent and two vacancies.**

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL

Paul Robbins asked Commissioners to allow him to make a 20-minute presentation on concentrated solar power and its storage potential at an upcoming meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Recommend issuance of a rebate to Starwood Capital Group, for performing energy efficiency improvements at Mission Grace Woods located at 3209 South I-35, in an amount not to exceed \$195,427. (District 3)
3. Recommend issuance of a rebate to CL Arrangement LP, for performing energy efficiency improvements at the Array Apartments located at 2000 Burton Drive, in an amount not to exceed \$184,667. (District 3)

Items 2 and 3 were withdrawn by staff.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Overview and Discussion of Texas Gas Service's FY 2018 Conservation Program Budget

Paul Robbins urged Commissioners to make the following changes to the TGS conservation program budget: eliminate the tankless water heater and central furnace programs; eliminate rebates that replace gas dryers with gas dryers; add a pilot program for commercial transport gas customers; wait for further analysis on the hydronic heating rebate, and; eliminate the low-income dryer give-away program.

Larry Graham and Hayley Cunningham of TGS provided an overview of the budget for the conservation program, addressed Mr. Robbins' suggestions and answered questions from Commissioners.

The motion by Commissioner Vaughan, to recommend approval of TGS's FY18 budget excluding the gas dryer give-away program to low-income customers, died for lack of a second. The motion by Commissioner Kohan, to recommend approval of the TGS conservation budget as presented, was seconded by Commissioner Babyak. Commissioner Kohan accepted Vice Chair Reed's amendment to recommend that TGS pursue a commercial transport program in

FY19. The amended motion passed on 6-0 vote, with Dielmann, Madison and White absent and two vacancies.

STAFF BRIEFING

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

6. Discuss potential future agenda items.

Commissioners suggested that Paul Robbins' presentation be added to the agenda in November or December. They requested an update on solar incentive programs including changes to the rebate levels and a briefing on electric and thermal storage.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Vaughan and seconded by Commissioner Babyak, passed on a 6-0 vote, with Dielmann, Madison and White absent and two vacancies.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.