



Zero Waste Advisory Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes January 10, 2018

The Zero Waste Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on January 10, 2018, at City Hall Council Chambers in Austin, Texas. The following are the meeting highlights. For detailed information, please visit http://www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/97_1.htm.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Acuna called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Gerry Acuna, Rick Rojo, Heather-Nicole Hoffman, Melissa Rothrock, Kaiba White, and Blythe Christopher de Orive. Absent are: Cathy Gattuso, Joshua Blaine, Kendra Bones, Shana Joyce, and Amanda Masino.

Staff in attendance: Sam Angoori, Richard McHale, Amy Slagle, Ron Romero, Tina Bui, Emlea Chanslor, Marcus Gonzalez, Theresa Cruz, and Myrna Rios.

The items were taken out of order as suggested by Chair Acuna.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3a. Department Performance Report Update – Sam Angoori, ARR - No new updates at this time. Deferred until February 14, 2018 meeting.

3d. AW Bio-Solid – Deferred until February 14, 2018 meeting.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Item 1

Speaker: Andrew Dobbs, Texas Campaign for the Environment – The City of Houston adopted a 15-year Recycling Processing Plan with a five year extension with FCC (Fomento de Construcciones y Contratas) Company from Europe. Recently built a MRF in Dallas and will now build a \$30M MRF in the City of Houston. Could be the final and ultimate death of “one bin for all” type of programs. That was something that was brought before this Commission 6 or 7 years ago and is now no longer a thing. Also, tomorrow the Texas Supreme Court will be hearing the case of the Laredo Bag Ordinance. If the court were to go against the City of Laredo it could mean the end of Austin’s Bag Ordinance also. We will be participating in that hearing and holding a press conference at 9:00 a.m., held on E. 14th St.

2. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 08, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Item 2

A motion to approve the November 08, 2017 meeting minutes was made by Chair Acuna. Commissioner Heather-Nicole Hoffman moved for approval. Commissioner Melissa Rothrock seconds. The motion to approve the minutes passed 6 – 0, by all present Commissioners; five were absent.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS

4b. Electric Vehicles:

Richard McHale, ARR Assistant Director – Presented information regarding electric vehicles, including 2 Chevy Bolts ARR ordered in 2017 costing \$33,000 each, Medium Duty Plug-In vehicles, and Heavy Duty Refuse Trucks. Additional heavier-duty charging stations will need to be installed at the Kenneth-Gardner Service Center. In FY19 there will be a surcharge per gallon of fuel for all city vehicles. The money will go towards electrical infrastructure for electric vehicles to pay for stations. The City plans to purchase additional electric vehicles by 2020, if affordable.

OLD BUSINESS

3b. FY18 Fleet Package:

Sam Angoori, ARR Interim Director – Presentation and request for approval were presented at November 08, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Hoffman moves for approval. Commissioner Blythe seconds. The motion to approve was passed unanimously, 6 – 0, by all present Commissioners; five were absent.

3c. Draft Landfill Criteria:

Sam Angoori, ARR Interim Director– Preliminary information was distributed to Commission and Stakeholders at the November 08, 2017 meeting for review and feedback. Comments were received and are included in today's handouts, along with staff responses. Staff requested final comments from the Commission and stakeholders by January 20, 2018. Staff will bring a draft resolution for Commission action to the February 14, 2018 ZWAC meeting.

Andrew Dobbs, Steve Shannon, and Steve Jacobs spoke on this item.

4a. Director's Report:

Sam Angoori, ARR Interim Director – Residential Curbside Composting update, including expansions, budget and internal audits to be conducted in February 2018.

The schedule for the Master Plan update was discussed. An additional deadline of January 31, 2018 was requested to receive feedback from Commissioners and Stakeholders to narrow down the SOW, minimize costs, and begin the RFP process.

4c. Weekly Recycling:

Ron Romero, ARR Division Manager – Presented ARR Curbside Recycling Collection Data and estimates, and an introduction to the Weekly Recycling Pilot Program.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following items will be postponed until the February 14, 2018 meeting:

- Department Performance Update
- Landfill Criteria Update
- AW Bio-Solid
- Committees Annual Findings Reports

ADJOURNMENT A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner White seconded by Commissioner Blythe Christopher de Orive. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Acuna at 7:48 pm to no objection (Unanimous).