



## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, April 4, 2018**

**The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at City Hall in Council Chambers at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78701.**

### **Commissioners in Attendance:**

**Andy Creel  
Katie Coyne  
Wendy Gordon  
Linda Guerrero  
Alesha Istvan  
Marisa Perales  
Hank Smith  
Pam Thompson  
Peggy Maceo**

### **Commissioners Absent:**

**Brian Smith  
Mary Ann Neely**

### **Staff in Attendance:**

**Andrea Bates  
Kaela Champlin  
Matt Hollon  
Bart Jennings  
Colleen Kirk  
Chuck Lesniak  
Kelly Strickler**

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Commissioner Perales called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.**

### **2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

*Speakers should sign up to speak prior to the meeting being called to order; you will receive a three-minute allotment to discuss topics not posted on the agenda.*

**None**

### **3. EDUCATION**

**a. None**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**

- a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of March 21, 2018  
(5 minutes)

**The minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of March 21, 2018 were approved on Commissioner H. Smith's motion, Commissioner Coyne's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Neely and B. Smith were absent. Commissioner Gordon was off the dais.**

**5. ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER'S UPDATE ON PAST COMMISSION ACTIONS AND REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST**

- a. None

**6. STAFF BRIEFINGS\***

- a. None

**7. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Discuss and consider CodeNEXT Draft 3 (1 hour)

**A motion regarding CodeNEXT Draft 3 drainage regulations for single family residential and missing middle/residential heavy developments was approved on Commissioner Coyne's motion, Commissioner Guerrero's second on a 6-2 vote. Those voting aye were: Commissioners Perales, Thompson, Istvan, Guerrero, Gordon, and Coyne. Those voting nay were: Commissioner H. Smith and Creel. Commissioner Maceo abstained. Commissioners Neely and B. Smith were absent.**

**A motion to approve a recommendation regarding CodeNEXT Draft 3 drainage regulations for commercial and multi-family redevelopments was approved on Commissioner Perales' motion, Commissioner Gordon's second on a 7-1 vote. Those voting aye were: Commissioners Perales, Thompson, Istvan, Guerrero, Maceo, Gordon, and Coyne. Those voting nay were: Commissioner H. Smith. Commissioner Creel abstained. Commissioners Neely and B. Smith were absent.**

**A motion to approve a recommendation regarding CodeNEXT Draft 3 and economic displacement as an environmental issue was made on Commissioner Perales' motion, Commissioner Coyne's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Gordon was off the dais. Commissioners Neely and B. Smith were absent.**

**Speakers**

**Angela Richter  
Ana Aguirre  
David Foster  
Craig Nazor  
Lauren Ice  
Roy Waley**

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. **Name:** Rolling Hills West Sewer LLC Wastewater Service Extension Request #4125  
**Applicant:** Rolling Hills West Sewer LLC (Jason Baze, PE)  
**Location:** 1100, 1101, 1102, 1200, 1201, 1205, 1206, 1208, 1209, and 1300 Silver Hill Drive; 3600, 3601, 3603, 3605, 3608, and 3610 Silver Hill Circle; 3608, 3609, 3610, 3612, 3614, 3700, and 3701 Moon River Road; 1201, 1202, 1300, 1302, 1303, and 1304 Pasaguarda Drive; and 1303 Constant Springs Drive, Austin, Texas  
**Staff:** Andrea Bates, Watershed Policy Manager, Watershed Protection Department  
Colleen Kirk, Engineer C, Austin Water Utility  
**Watershed:** Eanes Creek Watershed, (Water Supply Suburban) Drinking Water Protection Zone  
**Request:** Review and consider for recommendation Wastewater Service Extension Request #4125  
**Staff Recommendation:** Recommended for approval  
**Reasons for Recommendation:** The proposed extension could solve potential environmental problems associated with the existing on-site sewage facilities and would not facilitate increased development intensity in the area.  
**(30 minutes)**  
**A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner H. Smith's motion, Commissioner Coyne's second, on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Gordon was off the dais. Commissioners Neely and B. Smith were absent.**  
  
**A motion to adopt a recommendation was made by Commissioner H. Smith's motion, Commissioner Coyne's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Gordon was off the dais. Commissioners Neely and B. Smith were absent.**

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Urban Growth Policy and Water Quality Protection Committee – Marisa Perales, Pam Thompson, Hank Smith, Linda Guerrero, Wendy Gordon
- b. Development Committee – Marisa Perales, Pam Thompson, Hank Smith, Alesha Istvan
- c. Air Quality Committee – Mary Ann Neely, Pam Thompson, Wendy Gordon and Alesha Istvan
- d. Urban Forestry Committee – Peggy Maceo, Pam Thompson, Linda Guerrero, Mary Ann Neely and Wendy Gordon
- e. Drainage Infrastructure and Flood Mitigation Committee – Marisa Perales, Pam Thompson, Mary Ann Neely, Hank Smith and Brian Smith
- i. Report on the Joint Sustainability Committee – Mary Ann Neely
- j. Report from Mary Ann Neely on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizen's Advisory Committee
- k. Report on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board – Mary Ann Neely, Peggy Maceo, Linda Guerrero and Alesha Istvan
- l. Other reports from Commissioners

**10. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Perales adjourned the meeting at 9:44 P.M.**

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