



## **Zero Waste Advisory Commission**

## **Regular Meeting Minutes April 16, 2018**

The Zero Waste Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on February 14, 2018, in Council Chambers in City Hall 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](http://www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/97_1.htm).

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Acuna called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

**Board Members in Attendance:** Gerry Acuna, Cathy Gattuso, Amanda Masino, Joshua Blaine, Rick Rojo, Heather-Nicole Hoffman, Melissa Rothrock. Absent are: Blythe Christoppher de Orive and Kendra Bones. Kaiba White attended the meeting beginning at 7:01 pm.

**Staff in attendance:** Sam Angoori, Tammie Williamson, Richard McHale, Donald Hardee, Brent Paige, Theresa Cruz, Gabriel Gonzalez, Emlea Chanslor, Lori Scott, Jason McCombs, Tina Bui, and Marcus Gonzalez.

### **1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

Item 1

No citizens spoke during the opportunity for citizen communication.

### **2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 10, 2018 MEETING MINUTES**

Item 2

A motion to approve the January 10, 2018 meeting minutes was made by Chair Acuna. Commissioner Hoffman moved for approval, Commissioner Rojo seconded on a 4-0-3 vote. Commissioner Blaine, Commissioner Gattuso, and Commissioner Masino abstained.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **3a. Construction and Demolition Committee Annual Report**

Commissioner Blaine mentioned he has to follow up on what staff committed to doing at the end of the working group.

### **3b. Universal Recycling Ordinance Committee Annual Report**

Commissioner Gattuso wants to see the URO committee give recommendations.

### **3c. Organics Management Committee Annual Report**

Commissioner Hoffman had no new information to present.

### **3d. City Facilities Dumpster Collection Services**

Tammie Williamson, ARR, is requesting an administrative increase of \$1.5 million for an additional 19 months to the term of the Republic Services' contract. The scope of the contract will not change. Contract will expire in July of 2018 but it is not locked into full 19 months.

Three (3) citizens chose to spoke on this topic. Andrew Dobbs, Jim Nias, and Adam Gregory.

A motion was made by Chair Acuna, a move to approve the recommendation of staff was made by Commissioner Hoffman and was seconded by Commissioner Blaine, and was voted 8-0 (Unanimously).

## **4. OLD BUSINESS**

### **4a. Council Working Group – Landfill Criteria update and resolution**

Five speakers have signed up to speak on this topic. Gay Erwin, Jim Nias, Andrew Dobbs, Adam Gregory, and Steve Shannon.

Commissioner Masino proposes a friendly amendment to further recommend an inclusive stakeholder process be carried out between now (February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018) and when the criteria are brought back to ZWAC.

Commissioner Blaine makes a motion to integrate the TCE's recommendations into the current draft. Commissioner White seconds.

Chair Acuna asks for comments from the industry. Adam Gregory, Mr. Gosh, James Smith, Andy Andressi chose to speak.

Commissioner Masino reads back the amendments. Keeping the draft we have, further recommend that staff incorporate the following changes into the matrix based on Texas Campaign for the Environment's recommendations presented to ZWAC on February 14, 2018. Specifically 1B should be a pass/fail metric; 2A should add lifetime violations and/or complaints; amend the final sentence of 2E to "this does not include waste-to-energy technologies except for normally occurring landfill gas to energy not including induced bio-reaction"; Item 2b should award additional points for carbon-free facilities; clarify that 3A-3E only add points for exceeding permit requirements; delete 4A; eliminate the final sentence of 4C; add criteria and measures for history of city opposition, concentration of facilities, Labor peace/collective bargaining for employees, and racial, ethnic, socioeconomic demographics as compared to City of Austin Demographics. An edit from Commissioner White to be added to the end of 2B, "Use of electric vehicle and carbon free energy sources is preferred over carbon based energy sources."

Commissioner Masino recommends ARR staff enact an inclusive stakeholder process to further refine the landfill criteria matrix including staff, ZWAC members, and stakeholders from industry, environmental

groups, community groups and community members, as well as independent researchers who can offer objective measures that embody subjective criteria.

Chair Acuna votes to call the item at 8:59 pm. Commissioners voted 8-0, a unanimous decision.

Commissioners Masino, White, and Chair Acuna (with Commissioner Hoffman as alternate) will be part of the stakeholder meeting.

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### **5. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

#### **5a. Director's Report**

Decals to private haulers will be stopped after inventory runs out. Bulk-On Call Pilot will run through December 31, 2018; citizens can call three times per year for Bulk pick-up. Gabriel Gonzalez is the new ZWAC liaison. The Affordability Resolution has passed.

Commissioner White discusses private haulers color coding with ARR staff.

### **6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Progress on the Landfill Criteria Issue, Presentation for Performance Measures and Affordability Study, Textile Program Update, Composting Audit, Commission to elect a new representative Food Sustainability Working Group, PARD Recycling Update, Aviation Department Airline Recycling Update

**ADJOURNMENT** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Hoffman seconded by Commissioner Blaine. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Acuna at 9:10 pm to no objection (Unanimous). Commissioner Masino left the dais at 9:07 pm.