



Zero Waste Advisory Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes June 13, 2018

The Zero Waste Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on June 13, 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.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Acuna called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Board Members in Attendance: Gerry Acuna, Cathy Gattuso, Amanda Masino, Rick Rojo, Heather-Nicole Hoffman, Kendra Bones, Phil Howry. Blythe Christopher de Orive attended meeting beginning at 6:37 pm. Kaiba White attended the meeting beginning at 7:11 pm. Absent are: Joshua Blaine, Melissa Rothrock.

Staff in attendance: Sam Angoori, Tammie Williamson, Richard McHale, Donald Hardee, Brent Paige, Gabriel Gonzalez, Gena McKinley, Ron Romero, Amy Slagle, and Tina Bui.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Item 1

One Citizen chose to speak: Andrew Dobbs, TCE.

2. APPROVAL OF MAY 9, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Item 2

A motion to approve the February 9, 2018 meeting minutes was made by Chair Acuna. Commissioner Gattuso moved for approval, Commissioner Hoffman seconded on a 6-0-2 vote. Abstentions made by Commissioner Masino and Commissioner Bones.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

5c. Department Performance Report

Presentation made by Kimberly Olivares, Office of Performance Management. One citizen chose to speak on this: Andrew Dobbs; wants more engagement from stakeholders. Commissioner Howry asks about the extensive ending fund balance. Kimberly Olivares, says the ending fund balance was helping eliminate the need to raise rates, passing a savings to the consumers. Brent Paige, ARR, says the balance was built up by over-budgeting and in 2013 the zero-based budget to remove unnecessary budget expenses.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3a. Council Working Group – Landfill Update

Sam Angoori, ARR, updates the commission that staff is now looking at comments to develop a recommendation and will be discussed by different departments, council, and the city manager. The next update will be the during the September ZWAC meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4a. Internal Annual Report

Chair Acuna entertains a motion to approve. Commissioner Hoffman moves for approval, Commissioner White seconds on 9-0, unanimous vote.

4b. ZWAC/Parks and Recreation Board Joint Task Force

One citizen chose to speak on this item: Andrew Dobbs.

It was discussed that should the Resolution related to the Task Force pass Council, Commissioners Masino and White (With Chair Acuna as back-up) have agreed to serve as members of the Task Force. If needed, a special called meeting is to be held on June 20th.

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5a. Director's Report

Special Events Ordinance Update, Truck Wash Retrofit. Commissioner Howry asks if the reimbursements and payments are identical between TDS and BRI. Sam Angoori, ARR, says they are not identical due to the processing fees; Mr. Angoori also mentions that a comparison of the two will be done in the future.

5b. Master Plan Update Presentation

Presentation by Emlea Chanslor, ARR. Commissioners want to see an update that reflects more stakeholder input and past research. For task two, Commissioners want to see expanded access to the recycling services that are offered so that it is more accessible, a prioritization of food salvaging, and prioritization of educating citizens of the zero waste goal.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Alkyd/Oil Paint Contract

Discussion of the July meeting cancelled is held. Chair Acuna entertains a motion to cancel the July 11th meeting. Commissioner Gattuso moves to cancel the July 11th meeting and hold a June 20th special called meeting, seconded by Commissioner Howry. Voted 9-0, unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Howry seconded by Commissioner Bones on a unanimous decision. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Acuna at 8:23 pm to no objection (Unanimous).