



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018

The Resource Management Commission convened a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at Town Lake Center, 721 Barton Springs Road, in Austin, Texas.

Commissioners in Attendance: Leo Dielmann, Chair (District 7); Cyrus Reed, Vice Chair (District 9); James Babyak (District 6), Rebecca Brenneman (District 10), Scott Kohan (District 3), Derrick Lesnau (District 1), and Tom “Smitty” Smith (District 5). Kaiba White (District 2) was absent. The commission has three vacancies: Mayor, District 4, and District 8.

Staff in Attendance: Khalil Shalabi, Tim Harvey, and Toye Goodson of Austin Energy; Paul Lewis of the Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs Office; Mark Jordan of Austin Water; and Larry Graham and Hayley Cunningham of Texas Gas Service.

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Dielmann called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

There were no speakers.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion by Chair Dielmann, seconded by Commissioner Babyak, to approve minutes of the August 21, 2018 meeting, passed on a 7-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Authorize negotiation and execution of a 15-year power purchase agreement with EAST BLACKLAND SOLAR PROJECT 1, LLC, for the full output of electricity from a utility-scale solar generation facility with capacity of 144 megawatts, in an estimated amount of \$11,000,000 per year, for a total estimated amount of \$165,000,000.

Motion to recommend approval, by Commissioner Smith, second by Vice Chair Reed, passed on a 7-0 vote.

4. Approve issuance of incentives to Townbridge Homes, for the installation of solar electric systems to serve 30 residential condominium units located at 7601 Cooper Lane, for a total amount not to exceed \$69,300. (District 3)

Motion to recommend approval, by Chair Dielmann, second by Commissioner Kohan, passed on a 7-0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Discussion and possible action regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2019-2021 Texas Gas Service Conservation Budget.

Speaker Paul Robbins requested consideration of his request on his birthday. He urged Commissioners to reject, in his opinion, the two least cost-effective rebates included in the conservation program: tankless water heaters and high efficiency furnaces.

Hayley Cunningham and Larry Graham of Texas Gas Service reviewed the proposed budget for and EM&V analysis of the conservation program with Commissioners.

Motion to recommend approval, by Vice Chair Reed, second by Commissioner Lesnau, passed on a 7-0 vote.

STAFF REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS

6. Austin Water Quarterly Report and Water Forward Plan Update by Mark Jordan, Environmental Conservation Program Manager.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The staff liaison listed upcoming agenda topics including: transportation electrification from Capital Metro in November and commercial solar leasing in December. Commissioners expressed interest in participating in the implementation of the Water Forward Plan by appointing a representative to the task force responsible for that.

8. **ADJOURN** – Chair Dielmann adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. without objection.