



## RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019

The Resource Management Commission convened a meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at Town Lake Center, 721 Barton Springs Road, in Austin, Texas.

Commissioners in Attendance: Leo Dielmann, Chair (District 7); Kaiba White, Vice Chair (District 2); James Babyak (District 6); Jonathan Blackburn (District 8); Rebecca Brenneman (District 10); Lisa Chavarria (Mayor); Nakyshia Fralin (District 1); Dana Harmon (District 9); and Tom “Smitty” Smith (District 5). Shane Johnson (District 4) and Scott Kohan (District 3) were absent.

Staff in Attendance: Mark Jordan and Robert Stefani of Austin Water, and Debbie Kimberly, Denise Kuehn, Tim Harvey, Karl Popham, Debbie Swank, Jamie Mitchell and Toye Goodson of Austin Energy.

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

### **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

Tim Arndt distributed materials that Austin Energy provides to contractors participating in its multifamily rebate program. He said he wanted to ensure that recommendations from an earlier task force on low income consumers continued to be carried out. He also thanked members for recommending approval of the energy efficiency rebate budget for Fiscal Year 2020.

#### *Consent Items:*

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve minutes of the October 15, 2019 meeting.

**The motion to approve minutes of the October 15, 2019 meeting was approved on Chair Dielmann’s motion, Commissioner Babyak’s second, on a 6-0 vote, with Commissioners Brenneman, Fralin and Smith off the dais and Commissioners Johnson and Kohan absent.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

2. Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with Smart Charge Residential, LLC, or one of the other qualified offerors to Request For Proposals (RFP) 1100 EAL3005, to provide electric vehicle charging stations maintenance and repairs, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$800,125.
3. Authorize execution of an agreement with Blue Wave USA, Inc. to provide performance-based incentives for the generation of solar energy at its light manufacturing facility located at 3725 South FM 973 in Austin, Texas, for an estimated \$85,471 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$854,708 over a 10-year period. (District 2)

**The motion to recommend approval of Items 2 and 3 on consent was approved on Chair Dielmann’s motion, Commissioner Chavarria’s second, on a 6-0 vote, with Commissioners Brenneman, Fralin and Smith off the dais and Commissioners Johnson and Kohan absent.**

**Item 4 was tabled until after the first staff briefing so that additional commissioners on their way to the meeting could participate in the discussion.**

4. Authorize negotiation and execution of a 25-year power purchase agreement with ENGIE Distributed Solar, LLC an ENGIE subsidiary, for up to 1.8 megawatts of electricity from a distributed roof top solar-generation facility located at the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, in an estimated amount up to \$225,000 per year, for a total estimated amount up to \$5,600,000. (District 2)

**The motion to recommend approval of the power purchase agreement with ENGIE Distributed Solar was approved on Vice Chair White’s motion, Commissioner Smith’s second, on an 8-0 vote, with Commissioner Chavarria recused and Commissioners Johnson and Kohan absent.**

*Non-Consent*

**STAFF REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS**

5. **Update on the DirectApps/Direct Technology contract for energy efficiency data management and reporting services from Austin Energy** – by Debbie Swank, Manager, Energy Efficiency Services, and Denise Kuehn, Director, Energy Efficiency Services.  
Following this briefing, the Resource Management Commission addressed Item 4.
6. **Quarterly Report from Austin Water** – by Mark Jordan, Acting Water Conservation Division Manager and Robert Stefani, Environmental Program Coordinator.

**ACCESS TO SOLAR WORKING GROUP REPORT**

7. Update from members of the Resource Management Commission Access to Solar Working Group: Commissioners Brenneman, Harmon, Johnson and Kohan and Vice Chair White. (Related to Item 8.) Vice Chair White reported that the group continues to meet to work on recommendations that would allow more low income customers and renters to benefit from solar energy generation. She said they were working on methods to solicit feedback from stakeholders on community solar.

**OLD BUSINESS**

8. Discuss and recommend programs and policies designed to expand access to solar energy for low-income residents, renters, and tenants of multifamily housing. (Related to Item 7.)  
There was no action on this item.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

9. Discuss potential topics for future agendas.  
The staff liaison listed items on next month's agenda including a quarterly update from Texas Gas Service and an update from Austin Energy on its multifamily weatherization program.

**ADJOURN** – Chair Dielmann adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.