

# AUSTIN ENERGY UTILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING February 26, 2020

The Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Kathie Tovo called the committee meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

### **Committee Members in attendance:**

Council Member Kathie Tovo, Chair

Council Member Leslie Pool, Vice Chair

Council Member Alison Alter

Council Member Paige Ellis

Council Member Ann Kitchen

Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison

#### **Committee Members absent:**

Mayor Steve Adler Council Member Gregorio Casar Council Member Jimmy Flannigan Mayor Pro Tem Delia Garza Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria Cary Ferchill, Electric Utility Commission Chair

## CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

There were no speakers:

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the January 29, 2020 Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee meeting.

The minutes of the January 29, 2020 meeting were approved on Vice-Chair Pool's motion, and Council Member Alter's second, on a 6-0 vote. Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Garza, Council Members Casar, Flannigan, and Renteria were off the dais.

### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

## 2. Revise the 2020 Committee meeting schedule

There was discussion about the proposed dates.

The meeting dates of April 15, June 1, August 19 and October 21 were approved on Vice Chair Pool's motion, and Council Member Alter's second, on a 6-0 vote. Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Garza, Council Members Casar, Flannigan, and Renteria were off the dais.

#### **BRIEFINGS**

# 3. General Manager's report:

- ·Upcoming recommendations for Council action: engineering services rotation list; research and information services utility membership;
- · Innovations, events and awards.

(Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, CO 1: Council Member Leslie Pool, CO 2: Mayor Steve Adler)

Mark Dombroski, Deputy General Manager and Chief Financial and Risk Officer, provided the report. Discussion included research and information services utility membership and that Austin Energy was recognized by the Green Builder Media for their 2020 sustainability city of the year for the large municipality award.

Chair Tovo asked about the kind of information that is provided from the research and information services utility membership that would not come from the existing customer database and what other options are available for obtaining that data. Mr. Dombroski said that staff would provide that information before the March 12<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

# 4. First quarter fiscal year 2020 financial report.

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Stephanie Koudelka, Principal Accounting Manager, provided the provided the report highlights. Discussion included the upcoming rate case dates, the rate structures and tiers, the dashboards, and the Austin Energy energy production and sales process to ERCOT. Chair Tovo suggested a discussion about the tiers and weatherization programs at a future meeting.

## 5. First quarter Fiscal Year 2020 operations report.

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Elton Richards, Vice President, Electric System Field Operations provided the report.

#### 6. Generation Resource Plan Update.

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Erika Bierschback, Vice President, Market Operations & Resource Planning provided the update. Vice Chair Pool asked for the recommendations from the EUC working group prior to the next Council meeting.

#### 7. Decker Creek Power Station workforce planning.

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Pat Sweeney, Vice President, Power Production, provided the report. There was discussion about how many employees had utilized the online job trainings and career assessments.

# **FUTURE ITEMS**

No items were requested.

# **ADJOURN**

Chair Tovo adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m. without objection.

