



## RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES Wednesday July 22, 2020

The Resource Management Commission convened via videoconference on Wednesday, July 22nd, 2020 in accordance with social distancing protocols necessitated by the Covid 19 pandemic.

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

Commissioners Absent: Nakyschia Fralin (District 1);

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Harmon called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

### *Consent Items:*

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve minutes of the June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting.

**The motion to approve minutes of the June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting with corrections was approved on a Commissioner Dielmann motion, Commissioner Johnson second on a vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Babyak), 1 absent, 1 vacancy.**

#### **STAFF REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS**

2. **Briefing and presentation by from the city of Austin Equity Office.** Josh. Robinson, Commissions Liaison, City of Austin Equity Office, gave a presentation on equity and inclusion in Austin. After which, the Commissioners discussed how to increase equity and inclusion in their work including the scheduling of a workshop and a request to staff to investigate the feasibility of holding meetings in various locations throughout the City. Immediately upon completion of the presentation, the Commission took up Item 4 which is discussed below.
3. **Presentation of 2021 Austin Energy Customer Energy Solutions Budget.** Debbie Kimberly, Vice President of Customer Energy Solutions for Austin Energy provided an overview of the upcoming budget for energy efficiency, solar, and other customer programs as well as a discussion of achievements from the previous year. Mrs. Kimberly also discussed the affect the COVID 19 pandemic has had on certain programs which require extensive in-home contact with customers.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

4. Discussion and possible action on increasing equity and inclusion though a workshop of commissioners and developing processes to increase equity and inclusion within the Commission. **The Commission voted unanimously to establish a workshop of the Commission with the City of Austin Equity Office on racial equity and inclusion. 9 ayes, 1 absent (Fraylin).**
5. Establish a working group of Resource Management Commissioners to coordinate with the Office of Sustainability regarding the Austin Community Emissions Dashboard as it relates to Commission goals. **This item was not discussed due to time limitations.**
6. Review and approve Annual Internal Review of Resource Management Commission for July 2019 through June 2020. **This item was not discussed due to time limitations. However, the staff liaison urged the members to review the report and provide any comments or revisions through email or phone call.**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

7. Discuss potential future agenda items. **Due to time limitations, future agenda items were not discussed by the Commission**

**ADJOURN:** Vice Chair White adjourned the meeting at 4:32 pm