



## RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES Monday September 14, 2020

The Resource Management Commission convened via videoconference on Monday September 14, 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); Jonathan Blackburn (District 8); Leo Dielmann (District 7); Rebecca Brenneman (District 10); Lisa Chavarria (Mayor); Tom “Smitty” Smith (District 5) Nakysia Fralin (District 1); and James Babyak (District 6). There is one vacancy (District 3).

Commissioners Absent: Shane Johnson (District 4)

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Harmon called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

### *Consent Items:*

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve minutes of the August 17, 2020 meeting.  
**The motion to approve minutes of the August 17, 2020 meeting was approved on Commissioner Blackburn motion, Commissioner Dielmann second. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent, (Commissioners Smith and Babyak away from the meeting) 1 vacancy.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

2. Authorize issuance of energy efficiency program rebates by Austin Energy during Fiscal Year 2020-21, in an amount not to exceed \$2,700,000 for multifamily energy efficiency rebates and \$3,350,000 for commercial and small business energy efficiency rebates, for a total combined amount not to exceed \$6,050,000. **The motion to approve the request for Council Action was approved on a commissioner Dielmann motion seconded by Commissioner Blackburn. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent, (Commissioners Smith and Babyak away from the meeting) 1 vacancy.**

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

3. Briefing regarding the Austin Climate Equity Plan by the Office of Sustainability. **Zach Baumer, Climate Program Manager for the City of Austin Office of Sustainability, presented information on the Austin Climate Equity Plan.**
4. Staff Presentation on the Austin Sustainable and Holistic Integration of Energy Storage and Solar Photovoltaics (SHINES) project. **William Kelly, Manager of Distribution Processes for Austin Energy, presented information on the SHINES storage and solar project.**
5. Update on Implementation of the Resource Management Commission Access to Solar Working Group Recommendations. **Tim Harvey, Manager of Customer Energy Solutions for Austin Energy, provided an update on the upcoming community solicitation that was recommended by the Access to Solar Working Group.**

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the Austin Climate Equity Plan. **After discussion among commissioners, no action was taken on this item.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

7. Update on Texas Gas Service rate structure as it relates to energy conservation. **Rondella Hawkins, Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs for the City of Austin, presented information on the recent rate change process for the Texas Gas Service franchise with the City.**

**UPDATES FROM COMMISSIONERS, WORKING GROUPS**

8. Update from 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. (Members: White, Brenneman, Blackburn, Fralin, Babyak)

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

9. Discuss future agenda items. **Staff liaison, Jamie Mitchell, discussed upcoming presentations from the Austin Water Utility and from Austin Energy staff on electric vehicle charging station infrastructure.**

**ADJOURN** – Chair Harmon moved to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.