



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES Tuesday November 17, 2020

The Resource Management Commission convened via videoconference on Tuesday November 17, 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); Nakysia Fralin (District 1); Lisa Chavarria (Mayor); Jonathan Blackburn (District 8); Leo Dielmann (District 7); Rebecca Brenneman (District 10); There is one vacancy (District 3).

Commissioners Absent: Tom “Smitty” Smith (District 5); James Babyak (District 6); and Shane Johnson (District 4).

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Harmon called the meeting to order at 2:50 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

(Item 3) **Paul Robbins commented on the cost-effectiveness of natural gas energy efficiency programs and the suggested deletion of rebates for certain items.**

(Item 4) **Paul Robbins continued his comments on Texas Gas Service’ energy efficiency programs and the need to expand RMC purview to include Texas Gas Service rates.**

Consent Items:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of the October 20, 2020 meeting.
The motion to approve minutes of the October 20, 2020 meeting as amended was approved on Commissioner Dielmann motion, Commissioner Brenneman second. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 4 absent (Commissioner Fralin off the dais), 1 vacancy.

STAFF REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS

2. Presentation on Austin Energy Weatherization Programs for Limited Income Customers. **Terry Moore and Manual Garza of Austin Energy Customer Energy Solutions presented information on the Austin Energy Weatherization program, recent program updates, and performance metrics. Commissioner questions and answers from staff followed.**
3. Presentation and Report from Office of Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs on Texas Gas Service Conservation/Energy Efficiency Program review for the program period of 2018. **Rondella Hawkins, Officer, Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs for the City of Austin and Adam Thomas and John Vazquez with ADM Associates, Inc. presented the findings of their report on the Texas Gas Service Conservation and Energy Efficiency programs of Texas Gas Service.**

4. Quarterly update from Texas Gas Service regarding energy efficiency programs. **(not heard due to time constraints).**

NEW BUSINESS

5. (12/10) [Austin Water Utility] Recommend approval of an ordinance to establish Chapter 15-13 of the Austin City Code and amend City Code Chapter 2-13 regarding treatment, monitoring, and reporting regulations for Onsite Water Reuse Systems to encourage the development of local, sustainable water supplies using alternative source waters in commercial buildings for non-potable uses. **The motion to approve item 5 and item 6 was approved on a Vice Chair White motion, Commissioner Dielmann second on a vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent and one vacancy.**
6. (12/10) [Austin Water Utility] Recommend approval of an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 6-4 (Water Conservation) and City Code Section 15-9-241 (Utility Regulations) related to commercial and industrial cooling tower water efficiency performance standards, operations, registration, inspection and administrative requirements and penalties. **The motion to approve item 5 and item 6 was approved on a Vice Chair White motion, Commissioner Dielmann second on a vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent and one vacancy.**
7. Set meeting dates for Resource Management Commission for 2021. **The motion to approve this item was approved on a Vice Chair White motion, Commissioner Dielmann second on a vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent and one vacancy.**

OLD BUSINESS:

- 8 Discussion and possible action on Solar ready code enforcement staffing recommendation to Council. **After discussion among the commissioners, the motion to approve Recommendation 20201117-008 on a motion by Vice Chair White Commissioner Dielmann second by a vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent and one vacancy.**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. Discuss future agenda items. **(not discussed due to time constraints.)**

ADJOURN

Chairman Harmon adjourned the meeting at 5:09 pm.