



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, May 18, 2021

The Resource Management Commission convened via videoconference on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 in accordance with social distancing protocols necessitated by the COVID 19 pandemic.

Commissioners in Attendance: Jonathan Blackburn, Chair (District 8); Kaiba White, Vice Chair (District 2); Shane Johnson (District 4); Dana Harmon (District 9); Rebecca Brenneman (District 10); Sam Angoori (District 3); Tom “Smitty” Smith (District 5). Vacancy (District 7)

Commissioners Absent: James Babyak (District 6); Nakyschia Fralin (District 1)); Lisa Chavarria(Mayor)

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Blackburn called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

(Item 5) Paul Robbins commented on the cost-effectiveness of natural gas energy efficiency programs.

(Item 7) Paul Robbins commented on the revision of the Building Code.

Consent Items:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of the April 20, 2021 meeting.

A motion was made to table the April meeting minutes until the next Resource Management Commission meeting on Commissioner White’s motion, Commissioner Smith’s second; passed on a 7-0 vote, with Commissioners Babyak, Chavarria, and Fralin absent, and one vacancy.

NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT

() = Target Council Meeting Date; [] = RCA Type

2. Discussion and recommendation of Austin Water Capital Improvement Projects located in the Drinking Water Protection Zone for approval to include in the 5-year Capital spending plan as required by Financial Policy #8.

The motion to recommend was on Commissioner Angoori’s motion and Commissioner Harmon’s second; recommended on a 6-1 vote with Commissioner Johnson abstaining, Commissioners Babyak, Chavarria, and Fralin absent, and one vacancy.

3. (6/3) [Austin Energy] Approve issuance of capacity-based incentives to the Housing Authority of the City of Austin for the installation of solar electric systems on the new multifamily affordable housing community Pathways at Chalmers Courts East, located at 300 Chicon St., for an amount not to exceed \$323,360. (District 3)

The motion to recommend with revisions to the numerical error was on Commissioner White’s motion and Commissioner Angoori’s second; recommended on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Babyak, Chavarria, and Fralin absent, and one vacancy.

4. (6/3) [Austin Energy] Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Energy Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20200812-001) to decrease the Austin Energy Operating Fund

Ending Balance by \$1,165,887 and increase the Conservation Rebates expenses by \$1,165,887 to provide additional funding for the Austin Energy Weatherization Assistance Program.

The motion to recommend was on Commissioner White's motion and Commissioner Harmon's second; recommended on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Babyak, Chavarria, and Fralin absent, and one vacancy.

STAFF REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS

5. Quarterly update from Texas Gas Service.

Jasmine King-Bush, Energy Efficiency Program Supervisor of Texas Gas Service presented the Quarterly update from Texas Gas Service along with Larry Graham, Community Relations Manager.

6. Quarterly update from Austin Water.

Mark Jordan, Environmental Conservation Program Manager of Austin Water presented the Quarterly update from Austin Water.

OLD BUSINESS

7. Discussion and possible action on Austin Energy Green Building Code Updates.

Kurt Stogdill, Green Building and Sustainability Manager of Austin Energy presented the Code update.

During the presentation, Kurt Stogdill reinforced a prior commitment to lead a community discussion looking at potential paths forward to identifying and implementing additional measures for Electric Ready, EV Ready and water heating for residential multifamily.

The motion to recommend was on Commissioner Smith's motion and Commissioner Angoori's second; not recommended on a 5-2 vote, with Commissioners Johnson and White abstaining, Commissioners Babyak, Chavarria, and Fralin absent, and one vacancy.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. Discuss potential future agenda items
 - **Commercial Incentives and Shared Solar Program**
 - **Use of City owned land for local solar projects**
 - **Community Solar RFP**

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.