

# ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES Monday, April 11, 2022

The Electric Utility Commission convened a hybrid meeting on Monday, April 11, 2022 in accordance with social distancing protocols necessitated by the COVID 19 pandemic.

**Commissioners in Attendance (In-person)**: Marty Hopkins, Chair (District 4); Marshall Bowen (District 6), Randy Chapman (District 7); Cary Ferchill (Mayor); Makenna Jonker (District 1); Kay Trostle (District 8)

**Commissioners in Attendance (Virtual):** Dave Tuttle, Vice Chair (District 10); Cyrus Reed (District 9); Karen Hadden (District 5)

Commissioners Absent: Erik Funkhauser (District 2), Joli Cardenas (District 3)

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Hopkins called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

# **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve minutes of the March 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Electric Utility Commission. The minutes for the March 21, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Electric Utility Commission Meeting were approved on a 9-0 vote with Commissioners Cardenas and Funkhauser absent.

#### **NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT**

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

Motion (Chapman) to recommend Items 2-6; seconded (Trostle); passed on a vote of 9-0, with Commissioners Cardenas and Funkhauser absent.

- 2. (4/21) [Austin Energy]; Approve issuance of a capacity-based incentive to Riverbend Church for the installation of solar electric systems on their facility located at 4214 N Capital of Texas Highway Austin, TX 78746, in an amount not to exceed \$217,800.
- 3. (4/21) [Real Estate]; Authorize negotiation and execution of an eighth amendment to lease agreement with David B. Edelman, for approximately 8,000 square feet of warehouse and office space for Austin Energy's ("AE") Meter shop, located at 4122 Todd Lane, Austin, Travis County, Texas, for a term of 24-months with two additional 1-year options to extend, in an amount not to exceed \$535,520.
- 4. (5/5) [Austin Energy]; Authorize reimbursement of costs to Waller Creek Owner, LLC., for the heat exchanger skids to interconnect the Waller Building to the Austin Energy (AE) downtown District Cooling System in an amount not to exceed \$1,619,816.
- 5. (5/5) [Purchasing]; Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Crown Texas Inc., or one of the other qualified offerors to Request For Proposals RFP 1100 DTB3010, to provide prefabricated substation control houses, for a term of 5 years in an amount not to exceed \$10,00,000.

6. (5/19) [Purchasing]; Authorize amendments to existing contracts with Pro Serv Industrial Contractors LLC and Thielsch Engineering Inc, for continued power plant and chiller maintenance services, to increase the amount of \$4,800,000 and to extend the term by seven months, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$21,183,000.

# **STAFF BRIEFINGS & REPORTS**

- 7. Austin Energy FY23 Forecast and Budget Planning Briefing provided by John Davis, Austin Energy Finance Director.
- 8. REACH Update Briefing provided by Erika Bierschbach, Vice President, Market Operations & Resource Planning.

## **DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION**

- 9. Discussion and possible action regarding the 2022-2023 City of Austin Budget recommendations. No action taken.
- 10. Approve a representative and an alternate to serve on the Joint Sustainability Committee. Motion (Ferchill) to recommend Commissioner Hadden as Representative and Commissioner Chapman as the alternate; seconded (Trostle); passed on a vote of 8-0, with Commissioners Cardenas, Funkhauser and Hadden absent.

## **ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

- 11. Discussion and possible action from Fayette Power Plant Resource Plan Working Group. (Sponsors: Tuttle; Reed) **No action taken.**
- 12. Update from Budget and Audit Working Group (Sponsors: Chapman; Hopkins) Commissioners Jonker, Reed and Trostle agreed to join Commissioner Chapman in this working group.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- 13. Officer Election Motion (Ferchill) to approve Commissioner Hopkins as Chair; seconded (Chapman); passed on a vote of 8-0, with Commissioners Cardenas, Funkhauser and Hadden absent. Motion (Hopkins) to recommend Commissioner Tuttle as Vice-Chair; seconded (Chapman); passed on a vote of 8-0, with Commissioners Cardenas, Funkhauser and Hadden absent.
- 14. Report regarding City Council action on items previously reviewed by the EUC.
- 15. Future agenda items.
  - Storage and Renewables RFP update
  - Environmental Compliance & Future Costs related to FPP

#### ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hopkins adjourned the meeting at 7:28 pm without objection.