

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, July 18, 2023

The Resource Management Commission convened in a Regular Called meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at Austin Energy Headquarters 4815 Mueller Blvd, Austin, TX 78723

Chair Louis Stone called the Resource Management Commission meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:** Commissioner Louis Stone, Chair; Commissioner Paul Robbins, Vice Chair; Commissioner Kate Bren; Commissioner GeNell Gary; Commissioner Charlotte Davis.

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:** Commissioner Melissa Carugati; Commissioner Shane Johnson, Commissioner Chelsey Scaffidi

#### **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

N/A

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Resource Management Commission Regular Meeting on June 20, 2023.

The motion approving the minutes of the Resource Management Commission meeting of June 20, 2023 were approved on Commissioner Gary's motion, Commissioner Davis's second on an 8-0 vote with three vacancies.

## **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

4. Recommend approving issuance of a capacity-based incentive to Bethany Lutheran Church for the installation of solar electric system on their facility at 3701 W Slaughter Lane, Austin, TX 78749, in an amount not to exceed \$250,260.

The motion to approve a recommendation approving issuance of a capacity-based incentive to Bethany Lutheran Church was recommended on Commissioner Bren's Motion, Commissioner Gary's second on an 8-0 vote with three vacancies.

#### STAFF BRIEFINGS & REPORTS

2. Staff briefing regarding the Commercial and Multifamily Energy Efficiency Program Updates by Joseph Teng, Environmental Conservation Program Manager with Austin Energy.

The briefing was made by Joseph Teng, Environmental Conservation Program Manager of Austin Energy.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

3. Discussion of the Green Building Program. (Sponsors: Stone and Robbins)
The Commission had a discussion with Austin Energy staff about the Green Building Program.

# **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

- 5. Approve a recommendation regarding the oversight of natural gas utility rates and operations. (Sponsors: Robbins and Davis)
  - The motion to approve a recommendation regarding the oversight of natural gas utility rates and operations was recommended on Commissioner Robbins's motion, Commissioner Davis's second on an 7-1 vote, with Chair Stone voting against and three vacancies.
- 6. Discussion and possible action to appoint up to 3 representatives from the Resource Management Commission to the Resource Planning Working Group to collaborate with Austin Energy to develop recommendations for updating Austin Energy's Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan. (Sponsors: Davis, Robbins, and Johnson) The motion to table this item to the August meeting was on Commissioner Davis's motion, Commissioner Robbins's second on a 5-3 vote, with Commissioners Bren, Carugati, and Gary voting against and three vacancies.
- 7. Review and Approve the Annual Internal Review of the Resource Management Commission for July 2022 through June 2023.

The motion to approve the Annual Internal Review of the Resource Management Commission for July 2022 through June 2023 was recommended on Commissioner Gary's motion, Commissioner Robbins's second on a 7-0 vote, with Commissioner Johnson off the dais and three vacancies.

#### WORKING GROUP UPDATE

8. Update from the Texas Gas Service Working Group.

The Working Group provided an update. Next update will be provided in September.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Texas Gas Service quarterly update on conservation programs
- Austin Water quarterly update
- Overview of the Green Choice Program- Bren/Stone
- RCA- Clean Energy Innovation Fellowship (CEIF).
- Discussion and possible action to appoint up to 3 representatives from the Resource Management Commission to the Resource Planning Working Group to collaborate with

Austin Energy to develop recommendations for updating Austin Energy's Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan.

• Presentation with updates on the Green Building Program

# **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

The minutes were approved at the August 15, 2023 meeting on an 7-0 vote.