ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION **REGULAR MEETING**
MINUTES **WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2026**

The Environmental Commission convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at the Permitting and Development Center, Room 1405, located at 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive in Austin, Texas.

Chair Krueger called the Environmental Commission Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:
Mariana Krueger, Chair
Jennifer Bristol, Vice Chair
Haris Qureshi, Secretary
Justin Fleury
Martin Luecke
David Sullivan

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:
Richard Brimer
Annie Fierro

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PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Commission Regular Meeting on June 17, 2026.
   The minutes from the Environmental Commission Regular Meeting on June 17, 2026, were approved on Commissioner Sullivan's motion, Commissioner Luecke's second, on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Brimer and Fierro were off the dais. Commissioners Changsut and Morrison were absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing regarding Austin Watershed Protection's Reservoir Update for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Presentation by Brent Bellinger, Conservation Program Supervisor, Austin Watershed Protection.
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3. Staff briefing regarding Austin Resource Recovery's On-Demand Brush, Bulk, and Household Hazardous Waste Program. Presentation by Ron Romero, Assistant Director, Samuel Gilbert, Litter Abatement Division Manager, and Andy Dawson, Diversion Facilities Assistant Division Manager, Austin Resource Recovery.

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DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

4. Discussion and action to recommend approval of the Austin Water Capital Improvement Projects located in the Drinking Water Protection Zone for inclusion in the five-year Capital spending plan as required by Financial Policy #8.

   The motion to approve the Austin Water Capital Improvement Projects located in the Drinking Water Protection Zone for inclusion in the five-year Capital spending plan as required by Financial Policy #8, and request that the 2027 report reflect any water leak detection or abatement in the drinking water zone, was approved on Secretary Qureshi's motion, Commissioner Sullivan's second, on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Changsut and Morrison were absent.

5. Approve a recommendation to Council from the Dog's Head Working Group regarding the environmental aspects and future potential City Council action, including a vote on the creation of a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ), for the Dog's Head area, located between the Colorado River, US Highway 183, and State Highway 130. Sponsored by Chair Krueger and Vice Chair Bristol.

   The motion to approve the recommendation to Council from the Dog's Head Working Group regarding the environmental aspects and future potential City Council action, including a vote on the creation of a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ), for the Dog's Head area, located between the Colorado River, US Highway 183, and State Highway 130 was approved on Vice Chair Bristol's motion, Commissioner Luecke's second, on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Changsut and Morrison were absent.

   The following amendment was made by Chair Krueger, seconded by Vice Chair Bristol, and approved on an 8-0 vote.

   The amendment was to allow and prioritize affordable housing ranging from 30%-80% Median Family Income (MFI) throughout the area.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Staff briefing regarding an update to the Bird-Friendly Design Resolution. Presentation by Lily Rerecich and Hannelore Sederholm, Summer Interns, Austin Watershed Protection. Sponsored by Vice Chair Bristol.

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ADJOURNMENT

Chair Krueger adjourned the meeting at 9:51 p.m. without objection.

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