ZERO WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 14th, 2026

The Zero Waste Advisory Commission convened in a SPECIAL CALLED meeting on Wednesday, October 14th, 2026, at at City Hall Room 1001, 301 W 2nd St., Austin, Texas 78701

Chair Acuna called the Zero Waste Advisory Commission Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance: Gerry Acuna, Chair; Ian Steyaert, Vice Chair; Commissioner Seth Whaland;

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely: Commissioner Melissa Caudle; Commissioner Caitlin Griffith; Commissioner John Harris; Commissioner Iris Suddaby; Commissioner Ali Ishaq

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL
The first 5 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Zero Waste Advisory Commission meeting on August 19, 2026.

The motion approving the minutes of the regular Zero Waste Advisory Commission meeting of June 10, 2026, were approved on Commissioner Whaland's motion, Commissioner Griffith's second, on a (6-0) vote with Vice Chair Steyaert, Commissioner Ishaq, Commissioner Athmer, Commissioner Drohan and Commissioner Aossey absent.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Approve a recommendation to council to authorize a contract for multiple material rate studies for Austin Resource Recovery with Resource Recycling Systems, Inc. D/B/A Rrs, for an initial term of three years with up to three additional 1-year extension options in an amount not to exceed $2,100,000. Funding: $350,000 is available in the Operating Budget of Austin Resource Recovery. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets

The motion to approve a recommendation to council to authorize a contract for multiple material rate studies for Austin Resource Recovery with Resource Recycling Systems, Inc. D/B/A Rrs, for an initial term of three years with up to three additional 1-year extension options in an amount not to exceed $2,100,000 was approved on Vice Chair Steyaert's motion,

Commissioner Caudle second, on a (8-0) vote with Commissioner Athmer, Commissioner Drohan and Commissioner Aossey absent.

3. Approve the 2027 Zero Waste Advisory Commission Meeting Schedule.

The motion to approve the 2027 Zero Waste Advisory Commission Meeting Schedule was approved on Vice Chair Steyaert's motion, Commissioner Caudle's second, on a (8-0) vote with Commissioner Athmer, Commissioner Drohan and Commissioner Aossey absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

4. Staff briefing on the historical overview of the FM812 Landfill by Gena McKinley, Deputy Director of Austin Resource Recovery

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5. Staff briefing on the status of Austin Resource Recovery Operational and Administrative projects by Gena McKinley, Deputy Director of Austin Resource Recovery.

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ADJOURNMENT

Chair Acuna adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were unanimously approved at the November 19, 2026, meeting on Vice Chair Steyaert's motion, Commissioner Griffith's second on a 7-0 vote.