

**CITY OF AUSTIN  
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY (MRF)  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) RESOLUTION**

JUNE 9, 2010

VOTE: 4-1-1

Motion made by: Rick Cofer  
Seconded by: Maydelle Fason  
Commissioners Consenting: Brent Perdue and Faye Kazi  
Commissioners Dissenting: None  
Commissioners Abstaining: Bob Schafer  
Commissioners Absent: None  
Commissioners Recusal: Gerry Acuna

**Late Backup**

Whereas, the current request for proposal procurement process for selecting a partner for the City of Austin's single stream recycling program is flawed and has not permit sufficient input from the public, and

Whereas, the new Director of Solid Waste Services arrived in February of 2010 and did not have an opportunity to participate in the guidelines set forth in the Request for Proposals, and

Whereas, there has been no opportunity to collaborate the future Solid Waste Management Plan with the proposed Material Recovery Facility, and

Whereas, the revision of the Recycling Ordinance with new recycling goals (including city-wide composting) has not been completed or presented to Council, and

Whereas, the evaluation matrix used to select the recommended proposal does not properly weigh respondent's performance in the community, and

Whereas, the evaluation matrix did not allow the City to consider possible superior alternatives to the detriment of the City, and

Whereas, the City has available to it, extensions to the existing single stream recycling contract, and

Whereas, the current Request for Proposals process will be completed when this item is considered by Council at the June 10, 2010 City Council meeting,

Therefore, Be It Hereby Resolved, that:

The City would best serve the environment and its financial health by issuing a new RFP for a short-term contract in which options with responsible companies are examined and by planning to make a long-term contract for single stream recycling in the context of the Solid Waste Service's Master Plan.

Therefore, Be It Hereby Resolved, that:

The Solid Waste Advisory Commission urges the Austin City Council not to:

1. Not authorize the award and/or negotiation of a contract for single stream recycling services under the current RFP
2. Launch an expedited process that allows the City to consider all available short and long term alternatives
3. Direct staff to collaborate with stakeholders and report to Council within two weeks with a proposed process to select a single stream recycling partner.