



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES APRIL 17, 2018

The Resource Management Commission convened a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at Town Lake Center, 721 Barton Springs Road, in Austin, Texas.

Commissioners in Attendance: Leo Dielmann (Chair), Cyrus Reed (Vice Chair), James Babyak, Scott Kohan, Tom “Smitty” Smith, and Kaiba White. Rebecca Brenneman and Derrick Lesnau were absent and there were three vacancies (Mayor, District 4 and District 8).

Staff in Attendance: Debbie Kimberly, Denise Kuehn, Jim Collins, David Hood, Jessica Galloway, and Toye Goodson of Austin Energy.

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Dielmann called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

The staff liaison announced a numbering error on the agenda. The letters under Item 4 should have read “a, b, c” and not “a, b, a.”

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Tim Arndt spoke about the multifamily housing inspection process and voiced support for Item 3b.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve with two amendments by Vice Chair Reed, seconded by Chair Dielmann, passed on a 6-0 vote, with Commissioners Brenneman and Lesnau absent and three vacancies. The amendments are as follows.

Item 1, Citizen Communications: “...360 Energy Savers, LLC, ~~criticized~~ expressed concerns about operations of Austin Energy’s low income weatherization program.”

Item 5, Future Agenda Items: “...and a presentation on changing the code requiring natural gas connection for residential developments.”

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Recommend issuance of a rebate to Data Foundry, Inc., for performing energy efficiency improvements at its new facility located at 4100 Smith School Road, in an amount not to exceed \$98,714. (District 2)

Motion to approve by Vice Chair Reed, seconded by Commissioner Smith, passed on a 6-0 vote, with Commissioners Brenneman and Lesnau absent and three vacancies.

- b. Recommend issuance of a rebate to Paradise Oaks ICG LLC, for performing energy efficiency improvements at Paradise Oaks Apartments, located at 1500 Faro Drive, in an amount not to exceed \$144,876. (District 3)

Motion to approve by Chair Dielmann, seconded by Commissioner White, passed on a 6-0 vote, with Commissioners Brenneman and Lesnau absent and three vacancies.

4. BRIEFINGS

- a.** Update on Austin Energy District Cooling Systems and thermal storage by Jim Collins, Director, On-Site Energy Resources
- b.** Overview of Austin Energy Multi-family Energy Efficiency Rebate Programs by Denise Kuehn, Manager, Energy Efficiency Services and Debbie Kimberly, VP, Customer Energy Solutions
- a-c.** Dispatchable renewable energy technologies by guest presenter Paul Robbins

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Discuss plans for the Commission's Annual Internal Review Report

Commissioners agreed that the staff liaison would draft responses to the first two items on the report for review next month. Commissioner White suggested adding an objective to support the goals of the Community Climate Plan. Chair Dielmann voiced support for the addition. He asked commissioners to review the list of goals and objectives included in last year's report and be prepared to offer suggestions at the next meeting.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion by Commissioner Smith to re-elect Leo Dielmann as Chair for a fourth and final term was seconded by Commissioner Babyak and passed on a 6-0 vote with Commissioners Brenneman and Lesnau absent and three vacancies.

A motion by Commissioner Smith to re-elect Cyrus Reed as Vice Chair for a third term was seconded by Chair Dielmann and passed on a 6-0 vote with Commissioners Brenneman and Lesnau absent and three vacancies.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner White suggested that staff from the Sustainability Office speak to the concept of beneficial electrification at next month's meeting in conjunction with the discussion on a possible code change related to natural gas connections for residential developments. Chair Dielmann offered to contact Mr. Baumer in the Office of Sustainability.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Dielmann adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:40 p.m.