



**ZERO WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION (ZWAC)
UNIVERSAL RECYCLING ORDINANCE (URO) COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 4, 2019**

The ZWAC URO Committee convened on June 4, 2019 at Kenneth Gardner Service Center; 3810 Todd Ln; Austin, TX; 78744

Committee members in attendance:

Cathy Gattuso (Chair), Jonathan Barona, and Kaiba White

City staff in attendance:

Richard McHale, Gena McKinley, Jason McCombs, Selene Castillo, Elizabeth Nelson, Natalie Regennitter

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Committee Chair Cathy Gattuso called the committee meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.
- b. Committee Chair Cathy Gattuso facilitated introductions of committee members, City of Austin staff, and meeting attendees.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Zero (0) citizens spoke during the opportunity for citizen communication.

3. MEETING MINUTES

- a. A motion to approve the April 23, 2019 meeting minutes with no amendments or revisions was made by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Barona. The minutes were approved with a 3-0 vote.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Elizabeth Nelson (ARR) briefed the committee on the results of a survey of multifamily properties that provide organics diversion options.
- b. Selene Castillo (ARR) briefed the committee on the timeline and options for a potential organics diversion pilot for multifamily properties.

Stakeholders made recommendation on consideration that take into account lessons learned from the commercial organics pilot that took place in 2011. Committee members made recommendation on variables to consider in the pilot in order to make the sample as representative as possible, covering as many City Council districts, property types, and sizes as possible.

- c. Selene Castillo and Elizabeth Nelson briefed the committee on multifamily recycling capacity data, including information about how proposed changes could impact properties.

Commissioner White made a motion to recommend that a stakeholder process be initiated with the intention of changing the URO to ensure that the minimum weekly recycling capacity be adequate to prevent the commingling of trash and recycling with a minimum of 24 gallons per dwelling, or equal to a 1:1 ratio of landfill trash capacity. Seconded by Commissioner Barona. Committee members voted in favor of the motion 3-0.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:



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- a. Committee Chair Gattuso requested an update on the stakeholder discussion on multifamily recycling capacity revisions and the process to bring revisions to council.
 - b. Committee Chair Gattuso requested more information about URO enforcement with Austin Code Department.
 - c. Committee Chair Gattuso requested an update on progress on the potential multifamily organics pilot.
6. **ADJOURNMENT**
Committee Chair Cathy Gattuso adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m. without objection.

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