



Zero Waste Advisory Commission

Special Meeting Minutes September 4, 2019

The Zero Waste Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on September 4, 2019 at Kenneth Gardner Service Center, 4108 Todd Lane Austin, Texas 78744. The following are the meeting highlights. For detailed information, please visit http://www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/97_1.htm.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Acuna called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Gerry Acuna, Cathy Gattuso, Jonathan Barona, Ian Steyaert, Lisa Barden, Melissa Rothrock. Kaiba White joined the dais at 6:15 pm.

Absent are: Amanda Masino, Joshua Blaine.

Staff in attendance: Richard McHale, Victoria Rieger, Gena McKinley, Jason McCombs, Andy Dawson, Donald Hardee, Amy Slagle, Armelle Ouedraogo, Gabriel Gonzalez, Lori Scott, Brent Paige

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Jeffery Jacoby chose to speak.

2. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 14, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Chair Acuna entertained a motion. Commissioner Barona moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner White. Passed on a 6-0-1. Abstention made by Commissioner Barden.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

3. OLD BUSINESS

3a. Discussion and Action – Approval of July 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Chair Acuna entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner White moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Gattuso. Passed on a 6-0-1 vote. Abstention made by Commissioner Barden.

3b. Discussion and Action – C&D Sub-Committee Member Appointee

Chair Acuna entertains a motion to defer this item. Commissioner Steyaert motioned for deferment. Seconded by Commissioner Barona. Passed unanimously 6-0. Commissioner White joins the dais.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4a. Discussion and Action – Multi-Family Recycling Capacity Administrative Rule Amendments RCA

Commissioner Gattuso said she had no edits and it was exactly what was recommended. Chair Acuna entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Gattuso moves for approval. Commissioner Barona seconds. Passed unanimously, 7-0.

4b. Discussion and Action – Organics Processing RCA

Chair Acuna entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Barona moves for approval. Seconded by Commissioner White. Passed unanimously, 7-0.

4c. Discussion and Action – FY20 Proposed Budget Recommendation Vote

Commissioner White had a question regarding the review of the clean community fee. Brent Paige, ARR, said that a cost of service analysis is done every year, but a major review is done every 3 to 5 years. Commissioner White asked if there were increased services, what would it take in order to increase the clean community fee back up to be able to accommodate additional services? Mr. Paige said that after ARR proposes the rates, City Council or the City Manager office could add more services to ARR's proposed rates. If something came up in the mid-year budget cycle that Council felt that it fell within ARR's purview, then a budget amendment would occur; or the fee schedule could be amended to accommodate for new rates as well.

Chair Acuna entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Steyaert moves for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Gattuso. Passed unanimously, 7-0.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

5a. Director's Report: Solicitations Update, Statistical Reports and Performance Measures

Richard McHale, ARR, said that on the September 19th council agenda the Parks and Rec Department (PARD) has a contract for purchase and installation of recycling containers in parks. Chair Acuna asked if this was from PARD's budget. Mr. McHale confirmed that it's from PARD's budget. Commissioner Gattuso asked about the containers in the downtown area and the associated costs. Mr. McHale said there are some discussions being held about alternate designs that would cost less than the current designs.

Chair Acuna asked the representatives from Organics by Gosh if the delivery spot is still going to be at the same location. Mr. McHale said he wasn't sure if the details could be discussed. Adam Gregory, TDS, said that [the Anti-Lobbying Ordinance] doesn't prohibit any conversation in a public meeting. Mr. McHale said to direct any questions to the City Purchasing Department. Mr. Gregory said that the Commission can't review, evaluate, and recommend contracts if they can't ask questions about a contract that is sensitive. Chair Acuna said that Mr. Gregory's comments are well taken.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

PARD recycling update, MRF Contract Comparison Presentation, Proposed Travis County Facility expansion, Downtown Receptacles update.

ADJOURNMENT Chair Acuna entertains a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner White moves for adjournment. Seconded by Commissioner Barona. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Acuna at 6:35 pm to no objection.