



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES Wednesday June 17, 2020

The Resource Management Commission convened via videoconference on Wednesday May 20, 2020 in accordance with social distancing protocols necessitated by the Covid 19 pandemic.

Commissioners in Attendance: Dana Harmon, Chair (District 9); Kaiba White, Vice Chair (District 2); Leo Dielmann (District 7); Jonathan Blackburn (District 8); Rebecca Brennenman (District 10); Lisa Chavarria (Mayor); and Tom “Smitty” Smith (District 5). There is one vacancy (District 3).

Commissioners Absent: James Babyak (District 6); Nakyschia Fralin (District 1); and Shane Johnson (District 4).

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Harmon called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Consent Items:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of the May 20, 2020 meeting.

The motion to approve minutes of the May 20, 2020 meeting was approved on a Commissioner Dielmann motion, Commissioner White second 7 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent, 1 vacancy.

STAFF REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS

1. Briefing on Five Year Revision to Austin Community Climate Plan by Office of Sustainability. Zach Baumer of the Office of Sustainability presented information on the Austin Community Climate Plan and advised the Commission that he would seek their approval of the plan at the August meeting. Commissioner Smith suggested the establishment of a working group to coordinate with the Office of Sustainability on methods to best utilize sustainability dashboard related to RMC goals.

UPDATES FROM COMMISSIONERS, WORKING GROUPS

2. Update and possible action on recommendations from the Access to Solar Working Group: Commissioners Brennenman, Harmon, Johnson and White. Commissioner White explained the numerous changes made to the Working Groups recommendation after consultation with Austin Energy staff. **The motion to approve the recommendation was approved on a Vice Chair White motion and a Commissioner Smith second by a vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Commissioner Blackburn), and 3 absent.**

NEW BUSINESS

3. Update, discussion, and possible action regarding upcoming RMC topics to include Consumer Energy Solutions budget, programs, and priorities. Debbie Kimberly, Vice President of Customer Energy Solutions, Austin Energy provided an overview of the Customer Energy Solutions budget, programs, and priorities. She also suggested possible future briefings on energy storage, electric vehicle charging, weatherization for middle income, and Green Building components of the new Austin Energy headquarters.
4. Discussion and possible action on Resource Management Commission consideration of equity and inclusion regarding the commission and its work. (This item was not discussed due to time limitations of meetings held via teleconference.)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

5. Discuss potential future agenda items. SHINES storage project; TCEQ grant for EV charging stations; weatherization for middle income households, new Austin Energy headquarters Green Building components.

ADJOURN: Chair Harmon adjourned the meeting at 2:32 pm