

MINUTES
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY
September 18, 2019 7:00PM
City Hall – Council Chambers
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting began at 7:00pm. Analyst Carlson called roll. All Commissioners were present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to table the Athens Services item, approve the agenda and to proceed with Commission business:

Parkhurst

Second:

Robinson

Vote:

Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the July 19, 2019 Natural Resources Commission minutes:

Kelley Kissinger

Second:

DeBusk

Vote:

Unanimous

STAFF COMMISSION REPORTS

Analyst Carlson reviewed the staff report items, highlighting extraordinary tree considerations and answered questions from Commissioners on various items.

Commissioner Parkhurst updated the Commission on his experience at the Household Hazardous Waste event. He also provided an update on the Clean Power Alliance actions. He also reported about a presentation he attended featuring Ban Ki-moon, former UN Secretary General.

Chair Dasher reported that former Commissioner Renee Cossutta was doing well and enjoying her new work in Malta.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(Items not on the agenda)

Resident Vic Aguilar provided the Commission with observations on the state of Solar technology.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. PRESENTATION: WASTE-TO-ENERGY TECHNOLOGY:** The Commission will receive a presentation from Commissioner Kelley Kissinger on a waste-to-energy proposal using the City's organic waste stream and providing energy

Commissioner Kelly Kissinger provided a detailed presentation describing her idea for a small-scale pyrolysis system that would be located in the City Yards facility. It would use organic waste from residential waste collection to provide energy for water distribution.

to the City's water distribution system.

The audience offered questions regarding personnel needed to operate and maintain the system, how it may compete or complement the City's solar energy efforts, and what sector of the city the organics would be collected from. Analyst Carlson also provided some background and considerations of next steps.

- 2. PRESENTATION: ATHENS SERVICES AND FUTURE ORGANIC RECYCLING PROGRAMS:** A representative from Athens Services will provide a presentation on organics recycling requirements and programs that Athens Services is considering to meet compliance. The representative may also discuss the "China Sword" challenge and its effect on recycling programs.

This item was tabled.

- 3. PUBLIC OUTREACH:** The Commission will discuss upcoming opportunities for public outreach, including but not limited to:
Wild & Scenic Film Festival (3/11/2020)
Earth Day Observation (4/22/2020).

Chair Dasher updated the Commission on details for the Wild & Scenic Film Festival to be held on March 11th. The location will be the Sierra Madre Playhouse.

The Commission briefly discussed a 2020 Earth Day observation and came to general consensus to bring ideas to the October meeting.

Motion to elect Commissioner Dasher as Chair:

- 4. NEW BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:** Commission members may request staff to place items on future Natural Resources Commission meeting agendas.

Vice Chair Parkhurst indicated that the Commission should look to receive a presentation regarding the Los Angeles County Sustainability Plan. Perhaps it can be done as a combined meeting with the City Council. He also indicated that the Clean Power Alliance will soon be looking to develop local programs and projects and that he will keep the Commission apprised of developments.

- 5. ADJOURNMENT:** The Commission will adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting; October 16, 2019 at 7:00pm at the City Hall Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd

Motion to adjourn:

Robinson

Second
Vote:

Kelley Kissinger
Unanimous

