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## TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF OPEN MEETINGS LAWS DUE TO EMERGENCY

The Texas Governor temporarily suspended specified provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act to allow telephonic or videoconference meetings and to avoid congregate settings in physical locations.

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the RREAC will be conducted on **May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5.30 pm.**

In compliance with the requirement that the City provide two-way communication for members of the public, members of the public may communicate with the RREAC during public comment, and regarding agenda items by calling the following number:

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The following members of RREAC were present via video conference:

Veronica Carbajal (Mayor)

Howard Pearlmuter (District 1)

Dominic Chacon. (District 2)

KC Griffin (District 3)

Maria Trevino (District 4)

Joshua Simmons (District 5)

Paul Garcia (District 6)

Miguel Fraga (District 8)

Alejandra Chavira (technical advisor, non-voting member)

A quorum (5) of the RREAC must participate in the meeting.

## AGENDA

1. Call to order and roll call (quorum).5.35PM
  - a. Paul Garcia introduced himself
2. Discussion and action on the RREAC's Strategic Plan and presentation to Council (City Staff)
  - a. Nicole Ferrini summary
  - b. Approval or go back to the drawing board
  - c. This is a living document, a framework to bring items backs to the Board
  - d. Presentation



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- i. Vision statement: key changes. North American cities; more inclusive including health in the vision
- ii. Mission: framed around what the RREAC will do. Key changes: public institutions instead of state and federal. Community,
- iii. Role, Responsibilities, duties: reflects the resolution mandate. Included
- iv. 1 and 2 did not change
- v. 3 career pathways included. Energy industry cluster
- vi. 4 no major changes. 4.5 GIVES US A wide birth to reach out to sectors not energy focused developers
- vii. Miguel Fraga: any questions
- viii. Dominic Chacon: fossil fuels include something and when would be the timeline to eliminate fossil fuels in the grid
- ix. Nicole Ferrini: during strategic planning in the fall
- x. Tasked by CC to come back in 120 for a plan for integration of solar in city facilities
- xi. Language: we need to move away from fossil fuels
- xii. Veronica Carbajal: question about mission, beyond advocating from partnership, what are we mandated to do.
- xiii. Juan Gonzalez: subsection 3, RREAC's purview. City staff brings items. Living document
- xiv. Veronica Carbajal: thank you for clarifying
- xv. Maria Trevino: follow up on the partnerships, how we as the RREAC are we going to do that.
- xvi. Miguel Fraga: presentations from local stakeholders that could be partners. Once we know the benefits then we can advice CC.
- xvii. Nicole Ferrini: most partnerships are going to be who can push to make the goals happen.
- xviii. Maria Trevino: steps to make these goals happen?
- xix. Miguel Fraga: want it to be approved because it gives us room to wiggle.
- xx. Joshua Simmons: motion to approve
- xxi. Dominic Chacon: include specific language fossil fe
- xxii. Maria Trevino: second
- xxiii. Dominic Chacon Opposes because of those revisions he wants.
- xxiv. Nicole Ferrini: work with you on those definitions
- xxv. 7 vs1 motion passes

### 3. Renewable Energy Study presentation (EPE)



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- a. Omar Gallegos: senior resource planner presents
- b. James Schichtl: community solar, DSPP
- c. Joshua Simmons: no CT would be my option. Recommend the pursue of no CT.  
Airport is a good idea. Partner up with Escobar put an appropriation for that  
Alejandra Chavira: costs go back to the costumer  
Dominic Chacon: EPE can learn as well. Modeling used broadly in a scientific way, it becomes an art when involves economics. This is a business model to transition to RE and have the best profit. There is a lot of assumptions: EPE will be the only provider of electricity in the future, it is already a flawed model; assumes increased demand while the RREAC is working to reduce it; DSPP is a business model to try to maintain EPE's influence: why would anyone would lock into a rate when costs decrease? more holistic model would include health and environmental impacts (i.e. Newman 6); Who bares the cost? Our goal is to change that, we are trying to get electricity as a human right. These marketing and business proposal disguised as RE studies is dangerous. I think we have heard a business proposal. A Beter study would include how to reduce demand and include health and environmental variables.  
Howard Pearlmuter: the cost of batteries, the best CAPEX, what is the best for installed capacity? For the 20 and 40 scenarios  
Omar Gallegos: we used NREL's data on cost for battery and solar  
Howard:20-30 parameter  
Omar Gallegos: LCOE 2020 \$100/KW YEAR; 55 IN 2030; 50 IN 2040 --- With solar. ONLY capital investment 1h 54'  
Lazard data as well  
Veronica Carbajal: why same cost? External costs, it didn't reduce the capacity of nuclear. Waste and waste hazards and costs.  
Jim Schichtl: model includes disposal and operating costs  
Veronica Carbajal: 2<sup>nd</sup> question, create a graphic with the current energy mix and costs (Good point!)  
Have you projected energy consumption? Like EPW has done with water  
Jim Schichtl: DSM cases, reduction goals at state legislation  
Veronica Carbajal: do you have plans to go beyond golás?  
Are you exploring rooftops? In order to address the lack of land



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Jim Schichtl: we don't have plans right now. Rooftop is the most expensive type of solar

Miguel Fraga: who makes the decision into which scenarios is selected?

Dominic Chacon: also who decides to select the parameters

What is recap and E3:

Recap is a model, statistical tool developed by E3.

Alejandra Chavira: we are a regulated utility we need to provide service to all our clients. We are heavily regulated.

Dominic Chacon: why there isn't a model that does not include Newman 6. Weather patterns are going to change.

Howard Pearlmuter : transmission costs? Impact of EV vehicles, what parameters are you using for those?

DG seems static in all scenarios

Maria: tactics to achieve the goals

Howard Pearlmuter: NREL

KC Griffin: When partners bring information that is intermediate we need to give them an opportunity to present. We don't for this board to be left out of discussions,

## 4. Discussion and action on new agenda items

Joshua Simmons: May 10 agenda item, distribution and transmission.

AMS, usage of that data

Investigate Hb17 FURTHER

Tceq and special session motion for special session

Dominic Chacon: bring E3 to present about the model

## 5. Adjourn.

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