

**RESOLUTION NO. 20170323-055**

**WHEREAS**, the City provides valuable services to Austin ratepayers in regards to refuse, recycling, organics, and special waste collection, processing and disposal for City facilities; and Austin Water provides services related to biosolids and compost; and

**WHEREAS**, the City enters into contracts with private companies to meet the goals for waste diversion set by City Council, and to protect the public health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council must approve policy and certain contracts on behalf of the City departments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Austin community has a specific and important interest in solid waste policies and contracts due to the importance to our environment and waste diversion goals; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

A working group is created, composed of four City Council members, to examine waste management and biosolids policy issues and contracts, especially as they relate to organics and recycling.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The appointments to this working group will be Council Member Leslie Pool, Council Member Ann Kitchen, Council Member Delia Garza and Council Member Alison Alter.

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The City Manager is directed to provide the necessary resources to support the efforts of the working group.

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The working group may expand the scope of the topics to be examined, to include issues such as Class 2 industrial non-hazardous waste, reusable items and other issues related to solid waste policy and contracts as it deems necessary.

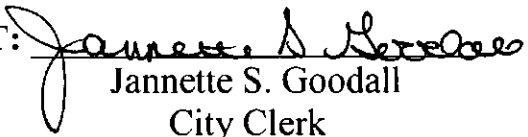
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The working group shall provide its recommendations to the Zero Waste Advisory Commission and any other appropriate board or commission as necessary, and to City Council by June 1, 2017.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

Unless extended by City Council, the working group will automatically dissolve after providing its recommendations to City Council on June 1, 2017.

**ADOPTED:** March 23, 2017

**ATTEST:**   
Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk