

MINUTES
CITY OF EDINA MINNESOTA
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
EDINA CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
Thursday May 14, 2015
7:02 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER** 7:02p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL** Answering Roll Call was Anderson, Gubrud, Howard, Manser, Padmanabhan, Seeley, Thompson, Waddick, Zarrin and Chair Kostuch
Late: Glahn and Sierks
Absent: Satterlee
Staff Present: Ross Bintner and Rebecca Foster

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion made by Member Gubrud and seconded by Member Manser to approve the Meeting Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes. Member Thompson said his Education and Outreach meeting day needs to be changed to the first Thursday of the month on page 3. Member Howard said the motion on pg. 4 should be "not" carried.

Member Sierks arrived at 7:05p.m.

- B. Attendance report and roster. Member Thompson noticed Member Satterlee's name was misspelled on the report.
- C. Workgroup list and minutes. Member Waddick said that her Water Quality Working Group meeting date needs to be changed to the second Tuesday on the Working Group list. Member Zarrin requested Tim Rudnicki to be removed from the Recycling & Solid Waste Working Group and Dianne Latham will become a Member. Member Zarrin announced the members of the Edina Climate Commitment Team are Sarah Zarrin, Bill Sierks, Richard Manser, City Manager Scott Neal and Council Member Kevin Staunton. They will meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:30am. Member Waddick requested to add Richard Strong to the Water Quality Working Group.

Motion made by Member Zarrin and seconded by Member Sierks to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

V. COMMUNITY COMMENT. No Comment.

VI. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Xcel Energy Franchise Ordinance. Mr. Bintner said the City entered a franchise agreement with Xcel Energy 20yrs ago. It's time to renew it and Scott Neal is asking what the EEC Members want to include in it. The Public Utilities Commission has the final approval of what enters into the franchise. The Commissioners reviewed Scott's Memo.

Member Glahn arrived at 7:23p.m.

Member Sierks said the City of Minneapolis renewed their franchise agreement with Xcel and added a separate memorandum of understanding of clean energy. A Board was created of Xcel, CenterPointe and Minneapolis staff to help them achieve the greenhouse gas goals. Member Sierks reviewed Minneapolis's memorandum with the Commissioners.

Motion made by Member Sierks and seconded by Member Zarrin that the Commission recommend that the City of Edina negotiate the equivalent of a memorandum of understanding clean energy partnership to ensure that Xcel will work in partnership with the City to help achieve our Greenhouse gas goals. Motion carried (9 yes, 1 nay) Member Glahn opposed.

Commissioners are concerned about the 20yr term. Member Glahn opposed, because if Xcel is doing something extra for Edina over another city, than Edina's residential rates will increase.

Chair Kostuch asked to change his vote to no, because he didn't know that the rates were going to increase. Motion to reconsider

Motion made by Chair Kostuch and seconded by Member Howard to reconsider the motion to revote. Motion failed (5 yes, 5 nay) Members Zarrin, Waddick, Manser and Thompson opposed.

Member Glahn clarified that the Cities that have underground utilities pay more than the Cities that have aerial. Chair Kostuch reminded Members that all discussion needs to occur before the vote. The Commissioners would like to see what the staff proposes before the July 21st Council meeting.

- B. Community Solar. Member Sierks says Xcel Energy provides our residents energy. A resident can do solar on their roof top or backyard. Community Solar directs Xcel to set it up in a location not on your property. You'll subscribe to be a part of the project and Xcel buys all of the energy and gives you credits on your bill. The solar collected will be clean with a contract of 25yrs. Member Sierks has two questions for the Commissioners.

First, Does the City want to be a Host Site? Xcel buys the energy from subscribers and the City can be a subscriber. Met Council wants to have a bunch of Cities together to get best deal on the project constructed by end of 2016. An RFP will help guide the process. Mr. Bintner said he likes Met Councils idea of joint powers agreement or letter of intent. Member Glahn said the rules for community solar haven't been set yet.

Motion made by Member Sierks and seconded by Member Thompson to approve the Council Advisory. Motion carried (8 yes, 2 nay) Chair Kostuch and Member Glahn opposed.

Second, Does the City want Edina Host and lease space out with the garden located on Public Works roof? Edina residents can apply first and then others. The City would need to list all conditions. This contract would be with smaller companies and the City would own 40%.

Mr. Bintner reviews the work plan item "City will allocate staff time to scope, bid and execute a community solar project on a city building in 2015." Mr. Bintner opined that the no organizational lacks capacity to develop their own solar. He isn't an expert in solar.

Member Sierks was requested to prepare a summary of plus and minuses to give to City staff and Commissioners to help them understand what's the best way to go. Then Sarah will bring it to Scott, so he can create a budget and staff support.

- C. Green Step Cities / Carbon Disclosure Project / ICLEI Membership. Chair Kostuch said Germana Paterlini, past EEC Commissioner, received a request to submit data to the Carbon Disclosure Project. The data was from 2007 and every year it was continuously submitted without approval from the City. Mr. Bintner said that the Carbon Disclosure Project use to be a subset of ICLEI Membership. Now the Carbon Disclosure Project and ICLEI Membership have parted ways. ICLEI has started its own carbon tracking, but the City isn't a part of it. Member Sierks said Germana and the past Assistant City Manager Heather Worthington gave regular updates to Council and said it was a big deal for a city our size to be a part of an International Disclosure project. Member Sierks said this should be brought to Sarah's ECCT and ask City Manager Neal if he wants the continuation of the updating and maintaining related data, GSC, carbon disclosure, and ICELE and who is responsible for them, one of the city staff or an EEC member.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS

- A. Email from Dianne Latham – Former EEC Member. No Comment.

VIII. CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. Building Energy Efficiency Subcommittee. No Comment.
B. Business Recycling Working Group. No Comment.
C. City Environmental Considerations Subcommittee. No Comment.
D. Community Solar Subcommittee. No Comment.
E. Education Outreach Working Group. Member Thompson said the "Revenge of the Electric Car" movie was canceled due to unable to get contract. 30 people attended the Cowspiracy movie.
F. Home Energy Squad Subcommittee. Member Gubrud requested to assess funds need to subsidize the HES Enhanced installs in 2015.
G. Local Food Working Group. No Comment.
H. Recycling and Solid Waste Working Group. No Comment.
I. Student Subcommittee. No Comment.
J. Urban Forest Task Force. No Comment.
K. Water Quality Working Group. No Comment.

IX. STAFF COMMENTS

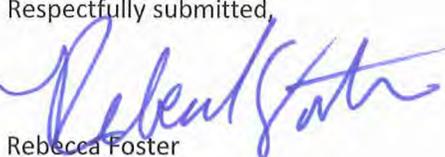
- A. 2015-2016 EEC Term Summary / Council Advisory Status / Workplan. Mr. Bintner announced that Assistant City Manager Karen Kurt and Water Resource Coordinator Laura Adler are leaving the City.

Chair Kostuch announced that he'll be unable to attend the June Energy & Environment Commission meeting.

There being no further business on the Commission Agenda, Chair Kostuch declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30p.m.

Motion made by Member Gubrud and seconded by Member Glahn to adjourn meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Rebecca Foster
GIS Administrator

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION																	
		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Work Session	Work Session	# of Mtgs.	Attendance %
Meetings/Work Sessions		1	1	1	1	1	1							1		7	
NAME	TERM													4/7/2015	(Enter Date)		
Glahn, William	2/1/2017	1	1	1	1	1	1									6	86%
Gubrud, Bob	2/1/2016		1	1	1	1	1							1		6	86%
Howard, John	2/1/2016	1	1	1	1	1	1							1		7	100%
Kostuch, Keith	2/1/2016	1	1	1	1	1								1		6	86%
Manser, Richard	3/1/2018			1	1	1	1							1		5	100%
Satterlee, Lauren	3/1/2018			1	1		1							1		4	80%
Seeley, Melissa	3/1/2018			1	1	1	1							1		5	100%
Sierks, Bill	2/1/2016	1	1	1	1	1	1							1		7	100%
Thompson, Paul	2/1/2016	1	1	1	1	1	1							1		7	100%
Waddick, Louise	2/1/2017	1	1	1	1	1	1							1		7	100%
Zarrin, Sarah	3/1/2018			1	1	1	1							1		5	71%
Heer, John	2/1/2015	1	1													2	100%
Latham, Dianne Plunkett	2/1/2015	1	1													2	100%
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Anderson, Reilly	9/1/2015	1	1	1	1	1	1									6	86%
Padmanabhan, Sunaya	9/1/2015	1	1	1		1										4	57%

Liaisons: Report attendance monthly and attach this report to the Commission minutes for the packet.

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INSTRUCTIONS:

	Counted as Meeting Held (ON MEETINGS' LINE)	Attendance Recorded (ON MEMBER'S LINE)
Regular Meeting w/Quorum	Type "1" under the month on the meetings' line.	Type "1" under the month for each attending member.
Regular Meeting w/o Quorum	Type "1" under the month on the meetings' line.	Type "1" under the month for each attending member.
Joint Work Session	Type "1" under "Work Session" on the meetings' line.	Type "1" under "Work Session" for each attending member.
Rescheduled Meeting*	Type "1" under the month on the meetings' line.	Type "1" under the month for each attending member.
Cancelled Meeting	Type "1" under the month on the meetings' line.	Type "1" under the month for ALL members.
Special Meeting	There is no number typed on the meetings' line.	There is no number typed on the members' lines.

*A rescheduled meeting occurs when members are notified of a new meeting date/time at a prior meeting. If shorter notice is