

**MINUTES
OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE
EDINA CITY COUNCIL AND
EDINA ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT CITY HALL
FEBRUARY 1, 2010
5:00 P.M.**

Mayor Pro Tem Housh called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall. Answering roll call were Members Bennett, Brindle, Swenson, and Mayor Pro Tem Housh. Mayor Hovland and Chair Iyer arrived at 5:30 p.m. Edina Energy and Environment Commissioners present were: Commissioners Christianson, Hanson, Iyer, Paterlini, Platteter, Sierks, Latham, and Thompson. Absent were Commissioners Risser and Lee. Staff present included: Gordon Hughes, City Manager; Heather Worthington, Assistant City Manager; and Jane Timm, Deputy City Clerk.

Assistant City Manager, Heather Worthington explained the GreenStep Cities Pilot Program to the City Council. She explained that after the pilot program Minnesota cities would have an opportunity to become a GreenStep City. The City Council and Commissioners discussed specific topics related to GreenStep Cities. The Energy and Environment Commission made the following recommendations to City Council members for consideration:

1. Endorse Energy and Environment Commission's (EEC) GreenStep Cities Work Plan.
2. Evaluate Edina's continued part in the GreenStep Cities after completion of the pilot program.
3. Consider options for implementation of the GreenStep best practices including funding.

The City Council endorsed the recommendations and thanked the Commission for all their hard work. The consensus was to have a follow up meeting after the pilot program ended.

Two requests were made by Chair Iyer and discussed by the Commission and Council. The EEC would like to work more closely with the Planning Commission, Transportation Commission and Park Board. Chair Iyer proposed that sub-groups of each commission be permitted to work together. After discussing attendance requirements (not applicable to sub-group meetings) and a desire to not burden commissioners with too many meetings, the Council recommended that the commissioners decide themselves how to work together. Chair Iyer's second request was that, with the EEC's shift in focus from project-based work to policy-based work, the Council bring policy matters to the EEC. The Council expressed support for this request.

Mayor Hovland declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. Timm, Deputy City Clerk

James C. Hovland, Mayor