

**MINUTES
OF THE JOINT WORK SESSION OF THE
EDINA CITY COUNCIL AND THE
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT CITY HALL
JULY 6, 2010
5:00 P.M.**

ROLLCALL Answering rollcall were Members Bennett, Brindle, Swenson and Mayor Hovland. Absent at rollcall was Member Housh. Members of the Energy and Environment Commission in attendance were: Commissioners Bob Gubrud, Susan Tucker, Michael Platteter, Paul Thompson, and Chair Diane Plunkett Latham. Staff present: Gordon Hughes, City Manager; Heather Worthington, Assistant City Manager; Wayne Houle, City Engineer/Public Works Director; and Debra Mangen, City Clerk.

Mayor Hovland stated the purpose of the meeting was to allow Council and Commission to discuss Green Step Cities Pilot Program in which the City has been participating. Mayor Hovland asked Chair Plunkett Latham to report on the Pilot.

Chair Plunkett Latham gave a brief report on the Green Step Pilot:

- Edina chosen as one of five Cities, St. Louis Park, Bloomington, Falcon Heights & Victoria
- Environmental objectives included: reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, protection of natural resources and support of healthy living
- Work goals were adopted and ECC recommended 14 best practices:
 - Efficient existing public buildings
 - Efficient existing private buildings
 - Comprehensive Plan
 - Complete Green Streets
 - Environmentally preferable purchasing policy
 - Urban forest – increase city tree and plant cover
 - Efficient storm water management
 - Green infrastructure
 - Improve surface water quality
 - Managing solid waste
 - Improve air quality
 - Benchmarks and community involvement
 - Green business development
 - Renewable energy

Chair Plunkett Latham presented a possible program developed by the Recycling and Solid Waste Working Group of the ECC entitled “Art on Bins” Council requested a formal response be obtained from the Energy & Environment Commission and brought back to the Council.

The Council and Commission discussed the Green Step Pilot Program. A final version will be brought to a future Council meeting. The Council thanked the Energy and Environment Commission for their hard work on the project.

The Mayor adjourned the work session at approximately 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Edina City Council, July 20, 2010.

James B. Hovland, Mayor