



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes

Energy Commission

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Tuesday, January 10, 2017

6:00 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second
floor, City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Clevey called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Charles Hookham, Mike Shriberg, Mark Clevey,
Shoshannah Lenski, Kenneth J. Wadland, Noah Levin,
John Mirsky, Sarah Paleg, and Jason Frenzel

Absent: 2 - Brigit Macomber, and Wayne Appleyard

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Hookham requested that an item on which committees were scheduled for 2017 be added to the agenda. Vice Chair Clevey requested that an update on 2030 Districts be added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Levin, seconded by Paleg, that the agenda be approved with changes. On a voice vote, the Vice Chair declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mirsky, seconded by Wadland, that the minutes of December 13, 2016 be approved. On a voice vote, the Vice Chair declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Dave Friedrichs from Homeland Solar spoke positively about the fee waiver for solar permits; and spoke hopefully about the local solar tax issue being resolved soon. Steven Brown spoke about his interest working with the Commission to bring more distributed renewable energy to Ann Arbor. Carlene Colvin-Garcia spoke about

how exposed spaces on Ann Arbor school grounds can be used for renewable energy and asked whether the City could partner with the school district to bring more energy efficiency to the school district.

ENERGY REPORT - NEWS FROM THE ENERGY OFFICE AND COMMISSIONERS

Vice Chair Clevey welcomed Councilmember Frenzel to the Energy Commission and Councilmember Frenzel introduced himself. Staff Nate Geisler gave a report from the Energy Office covering the new state energy legislation from Lansing. Discussions ensued about how DTE's new Renewable Portfolio Standard will impact the City's climate action plan goals, and how the MPSC will be determining any changes to the net metering rules. Commissioner Mirsky gave a report on the solar taxation issue.

Appointments: Chair, Vice Chair, Appointee to Environmental Commission

Commissioner Levin nominated Wayne Appleyard to be Chair of the Energy Commission, and Commissioner Macomber seconded. On a unanimous voice vote, Vice Chair Clevey declared the motion passed. Commissioner Lenski nominated Vice Chair Clevey to be Vice Chair for the next year, and Commissioner Mirsky seconded. On a unanimous voice vote, the Vice Chair declared the motion approved. Commissioner Clevey nominated Commissioner Mirsky to be the appointee to the Environmental Commission, and Commissioner Lenski seconded. On a unanimous voice vote, the Vice Chair declared the motion approved.

Approved as presented

Summary of U of M Symposium "Combating Climate Change, The Role of Nuclear Energy - Mirsky

Commissioner Mirsky gave a report about a several day-long symposium at UM he attended that was about the future of nuclear energy. The discussion goes from 30:08 in the video to 53:00.

Committees and Topics for 2017

Commissioner Hookham presented an idea for the Commission to produce a one-page update to the Ann Arbor Energy Plan. Many topics were discussed including the implementation and updating of the Climate Action Plan, the Sustainability Framework, Council's priorities, STAR, and other projects. This topic will be discussed

more at the March working session of the Commission. The discussion ran from 53:00 to 1:07:23 in the video.

Vice Chair Clevey and Geisler (staff) gave updates on the proposal to advance Ann Arbor as an Architecture 2030 District. Some seed funding by the national AIA to the local lead (Bonnie Bona) was approved to do technical assistance and furtherance toward District status in 2017.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Climate Action Plan

Staff Geisler gave an update on the City's Climate Action Plan, including that a2cp.org is now live. Commissioner Shriberg will continue to be the Commission representative to this effort.

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Renewable Energies

Vice Chair Clevey gave an update that the Solar Subcommittee is meeting with the City Administrator on the solar taxation issue. Commissioner Hookham reported that he is continuing to work with the State on building code issues. He also asked that hydroelectric power be placed on the March work session agenda. Staff Geisler gave an update on the Geostellar/group solar buy project.

Sustainable Funding

Staff reported that City Council supported climate change work at their annual retreat in December in an exercise to determine priorities for coming year(s), affirmed by CM Frenzel.

PUBLIC INPUT

A question was raised about what the City plans to do about community solar. Vice Chair Clevey replied that this is the next issue on the Commission's agenda and that meetings are ongoing. Commissioner Lenski spoke about a new community renewables

program that will soon be offered by DTE. She offered to speak about this new program at the next meeting.

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ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Community renewables program update from Commissioner Lenski; a discussion about hydropower by Commissioner Hookham; and Geostellar program update.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Shriberg, seconded by Mirsky, that the meeting be Adjourned. On a voice vote, the Vice Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

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