



# City of Ann Arbor

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## Action Minutes

### Energy Commission

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Tuesday, July 10, 2018

6:00 PM

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

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#### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Appleyard called the meeting to order at 6:07pm

#### ROLL CALL

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Paleg, seconded by Mirsky, that the agenda be Approved. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioners chose to postpone passing the minutes

#### PUBLIC INPUT

#### ENERGY REPORT - NEWS FROM THE ENERGY OFFICE AND COMMISSIONERS

Staff Josh MacDonald covered internal as well as external news. Amongst the items covered internally, Honeywell is planning to present the results of their energy audit of City facilities to the Energy Commission in the coming months. There was also an update on the status of the Sustainability Dashboard, and Yellow Fin. Staff MacDonald also touched on two upcoming events. The first being the Solar Faithful open house on July 25th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at 1236 Washtenaw Court 1236. The open house will feature information about Power Purchase Agreements. He also covered information about tentative dates for community facing Power Hours. The power hours will provide information to the community about renewables and energy efficiency. Michigan Saves, the Energy Commission, DTE, and other community groups will be there to present. Commissioners also discussed the new DTE rate case. They came to a decision to have a presentation on the new rates in a future meeting.

#### CAFE Standards Presentation - Jeff Alson

Jeff Alson is a retired engineer who has over 30 years of experience at the EPA. He gave a presentation that covered the history of CAFÉ standards. He then summarized the current state of CAFÉ standards and the changes the Trump administration wants to make to the standards

### Resolution in Support of the Existing EPA Passenger Car Corporate Fuel Economy Standards (CAFÉ Standards)

Commissioners discussed changes to the resolution along with the timing and process of submitting the resolution based on changes planned for CAFÉ standards at the federal level. A motion was made by Mirsky, seconded by Macomber, that the resolution be Approved. On a voice vote, the resolution passed unanimously.

### Energy Staff Resolution

Commissioners discussed changes to the resolution and elaborated on the need for extra staffing in the Sustainability and Innovations Office. They also discussed the need to create a work plan for community facing sustainability programs.

### City of Ann Arbor Energy Commission Resolution to Recommend Immediate Hiring to Fill Vacant Energy Analyst Position Action Programs

A motion was made by Chair Appleyard, seconded by Levin, that the Resolution be Approved by the Commission. On a voice vote, the resolution passed unanimously.

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### Cilmate Action Plan

The work of this group is being done by staff

### Solar (for All)

Power hours addressed during the energy report

### Ordinances

Commissioner Paleg gave an update on ordinances the committee was working on. She gave an update on the two ordinances that the committee is currently working on. The first being a Dark Skies / Lighting ordinance and the second being a Time of Marketing ordinance. Plans for the Dark Skies / Lighting Ordinance will be reviewed with planning commission on August 14th in the basement of Larcom at 7 pm.

### Outreach to Schools

No update

### Report from Environmental Commission

Commissioner Mirksysky gave an update on the environmental commission. Susan Hutton stepped down as chair and Bob Needham has taken over. Alison Skinner remains the vice chair of the Environmental Commission. They Commission also had an update on the health of the Huron Rivers watershed.

Commissioner Mirsky and Staff Josh MacDonald worked together with the Huron River Watershed Council to derefine a new composite metric yielding a score for watershed health within the City limits from 0 – 100 based on 12 indices inputs which can be trend charted over time. The new approach number allows the City to focus on ways to improve watershed health. The current score is 30. At the next meeting there will be a solid waste update.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- DTE Rate Case
- Honeywell Presentation
- Meeting with new manager of the new Office of Sustainability and Innovation

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm

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