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Action Minutes

Energy Commission

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

6:00 PM

Electronic Meeting of the Energy
Commission

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mirsky called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

ROLL CALL

Present: 15 - Charles Hookham, Brigit Macomber, Mike Shriberg, Mark Clevey, Noah Levin, John Mirsky, Carlene Colvin-Garcia, Erica Briggs, Travis Radina, Jay Zocher, Teresa Hatcher, Ember McCoy, Robert Jeorg, Julian Singleton, and Larry Kerber

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No action was taken on the agenda

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No action was taken on the meeting minutes

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input

ENERGY REPORT - NEWS FROM THE ENERGY OFFICE AND COMMISSIONERS

The Chair along with Staff decided to forgo the news from the Energy Office

Solar Height Restriction - Planning Staff

Staff Matt Kowalski talked about changes to code that would exempt height limits to permit for solar. The changes also allowed for solar on accessory dwelling units especially as it pertained to carports. Commissioners showed there support and it was brought up that the planning commission was already on its second reading.

Energy Principles Draft Resolution

OSI manager Missy Stults presented on the guiding energy principles. The principles consisted of criteria and principles. She asked for feedback from commissioners. Commissioners discussed things that could be added to the principles such as cost, additionality and labor standards. The commission also discussed the need to make the energy principles broader to include electrification and energy efficiency. There were questions from commissioners about how this document interacts with the broader A2 Zero plan and how the community should also have input on them.

OSI & Energy Commission - Missy Stults

OSI Manager Stutls, presented on ways that she thought the commission and OSI could work together on a number of projects including policy, opportunity assessment, energy disclosure, electrification, energy efficiency and equity program, A2Zero summit and Survey, Ambassadors program, public engagement, private schools, community choice aggregation, community solar, landfill solar, EV strategy, Funding opportunities.

There was discussion amongst commissioners about the role of the commission vis a vis the office along with City Council. There were questions as to how this related to previous work the Energy Commission had done. They talked about the need to have commissions interact with other commissions like the planning commission. And they discussed the best way to leverage the Energy Commission on future work.

The Grid - Chuck Hookham

Commissioner Hookham summarized some of the higher level points of his presentation including the need to take into consideration existing infrastructures, costs and technologies that could be explored when looking at the City's energy independence. The Commissioners agreed to have a more in depth presentation from Commissioner Hookham at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Commissioners decided to forgo Committee Updates based on earlier conversations around how OSI and the Energy Commission would work together.

Renewables

Building and the Built Environment

Community Outreach

Transportation Electrification

Report from Environmental Commission

PUBLIC INPUT

Community member Greg Woodring talked about the need to get away from fossil fuels and his belief that a for profit utility would not be able to do it. Instead, he said there is importance for co-operatives.

Community member Wayne Appleyard suggested that the commission should look for things the office was not working on.

Community member Zackariah Farah was really looking forward to talking more about municipalization. He was also concerned about how much A2Zero was reliant on CCA. He also mentioned that other countries had better models in terms of their utility.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Commissioners agreed to discuss the University Of Michigan PCCN results. They also had Commissioner Hookham's presentation for the next meeting

ADJOURNMENT

The chair called the meeting to a close at 8:35

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