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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

6:00 PM

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Energy Commission

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ROLL CALL

All participants called in remotely from Ann Arbor, Michigan with the exception of Robert Joerg who called in from Lansing, MI, Ember McCoy from State College, PA and Larry Kerber from Auburn, WA.

Present: 13 - Brigit Macomber, Mark Clevey, Noah Levin, John Mirsky, Carlene Colvin-Garcia, Erica Briggs, Travis Radina, Jay Zocher, Ember McCoy, Robert Jeorg, Larry Kerber, Jonathan Overpeck, and Edith Juno

Absent: 2 - Charles Hookham, and Nicholas Stevenson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council member Radina moved to approve the agenda, Commissioner McCoy seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

21-2041 Energy Commission meeting minutes for November 9, 2021

Council member Radina moved to approve the minutes, Commissioner McCoy seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

PUBLIC INPUT

Approximately 20 people called in to comment.

21-2162 Energy Commission Resolution Recommending Ann Arbor City Council Authorize a Municipal Utility Feasibility Study and Initiate Work Towards Creation of a Municipal Sustainable Energy Utility (SEU)

A motion was made by Council member Radina, seconded by Commissioner Colvin Garcia, that the Resolution be Approved as presented.

**A motion was made Commissioner Colvin-Garcia and seconded by Commissioner McCoy to consider the following language:
"WHEREAS, Some members of the community have expressed**

interest in exploring the creation of a traditional municipal utility that would replace DTE, with its targeted benefits accruing to all Ann Arbor residents for (1) lower electricity rates, (2) more reliable service, (3) local accountability and governance, and (4) 100% renewable electricity distributed to the entire Ann Arbor electric grid." On a vote of 2-yeas to 10 nays, the motion failed.

Yeas: 2 - Colvin-Garcia, and Overpeck

Nays: 8 - Macomber, Clevey, Levin, Mirsky, Councilmember Briggs, Councilmember Radina, McCoy, Youth Rep. Jeorg, Commissioner Kerber, and Juno

Absent: 2 - Hookham, and Youth Rep. Stevenson

Commissioner McCoy presented the following text for consideration: **RESOLVED**, the municipal electric feasibility study shall incorporate elements such as: a direct engineering assessment of local DTE infrastructure; a preliminary asset valuation; an estimate of acquisition costs and related costs, as well as annual operations and maintenance expenses; and total revenue; identification of debt financing sources, amounts and schedules; and the modeling of future DTE rates against city utility rates.

The motion was further amended by Councilmember Radina to read as follows: **RESOLVED, THAT THE ANN ARBOR ENERGY COMMISSION RECOMMENDS** the municipal electric feasibility study shall incorporate elements such as: a direct engineering assessment of local DTE infrastructure; a preliminary asset valuation; an estimate of acquisition costs and related costs, as well as annual operations and maintenance expenses; and total revenue; identification of debt financing sources, amounts and schedules; and the modeling of future DTE rates against city utility rates.

ALL CAPS indicates added language.

On a roll call vote the vote was as follows with the chair declaring the Amendment carried.

Yeas: 9 - Macomber, Levin, Mirsky, Colvin-Garcia, Councilmember Briggs, Councilmember Radina, McCoy, Youth Rep. Jeorg, Commissioner Kerber, Overpeck, and Juno

Nays: 1 - Clevey

Absent: 2 - Hookham, and Youth Rep. Stevenson

Commissioner McComber motioned to consider the text, Commissioner McCoy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken on the full amendment and the amendment was approved by the commission.

Yeas: 9 - Macomber, Levin, Mirsky, Colvin-Garcia, Councilmember Briggs, Councilmember Radina, McCoy, Youth Rep. Jeorg, Commissioner Kerber, Overpeck, and Juno

Nays: 1 - Clevey

Absent: 2 - Hookham, and Youth Rep. Stevenson

A motion to amend the resolution to consider the following text was made by Commissioner Juno and seconded by Councilmember Radina: RESOLVED THAT THE ANN ARBOR ENERGY COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THAT THE CITY ENSURE A JUST TRANSITION FOR WORKERS, AND THAT WORKER COMPENSATION AND TRAINING BE CONSIDERED CORE COMPONENTS IN ANY DECISION RELATING TO MEETING THE ENERGY NEEDS OF THE CITY.

ALL CAPS indicates added language.

On a roll call vote the vote was as follows with the chair declaring the AMENDMENT carried.

Yeas: 10 - Macomber, Clevey, Levin, Mirsky, Colvin-Garcia, Councilmember Briggs, Councilmember Radina, Zocher, McCoy, Youth Rep. Jeorg, Overpeck, and Juno

Nays: 1 - Commissioner Kerber

Absent: 2 - Hookham, and Youth Rep. Stevenson

Approved by the Commission as Amended, the motion passed.

Yeas: 10 - Macomber, Clevey, Levin, Mirsky, Colvin-Garcia, Councilmember Briggs, Councilmember Radina, McCoy, Youth Rep. Jeorg, Commissioner Kerber, Overpeck, and Juno

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Hookham, and Youth Rep. Stevenson

21-2175 Resolution Recognizing the DDA for its Decarbonization and Sustainability Measures

On the first reading of the resolution a motion was made to consider and vote on the resolution by Commissioner Clevey and seconded by Commissioner McCoy.

A motion was made to strike through the last resolve.

A motion was made to remove the strike through text.

After a roll call vote the resolution was passed.

Yeas: 10 - Macomber, Clevey, Levin, Mirsky, Colvin-Garcia, Councilmember Briggs, Councilmember Radina, McCoy, Youth Rep. Jeorg, Commissioner Kerber, Overpeck, and Juno

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Hookham, and Youth Rep. Stevenson

OSI REPORTS - NEWS FROM COMMISSIONERS

*Updates on lighting working group; EV working group; and energy concierge
OSI update*

WORK GROUP UPDATES AND REPORT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

None

PUBLIC INPUT

None

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

None

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Colvin-Garcia moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner McCoy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

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