



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes

Energy Commission

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Tuesday, November 14, 2017

6:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Mark Clevey, Wayne Appleyard, Noah Levin, John Mirsky,
Sarah Paleg, and Charlotte Jameson

Absent: 5 - Charles Hookham, Brigit Macomber, Mike Shriberg,
Shoshannah Lenski, and Carlene Colvin-Garcia

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Clevey, seconded by Mirsky, that the agenda be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[17-1857](#) Minutes of the October 10, 2017 Energy Commission Meeting

Attachments: Energy Commission Minutes 10-10-17.pdf

A motion was made by Paleg, seconded by Levin, that the minutes be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 12/4/2017. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

No public comment.

ENERGY REPORT - NEWS FROM THE ENERGY OFFICE AND COMMISSIONERS

Staff updated the Commission about the latest developments with the proposed ground-mounted solar ordinance. The Michigan

Public Services Committee is seeking comments on electric vehicle charging. Commissioner Mirsky reminded the Commission about their work urging the City to move to 100% clean and renewable energy for municipal operations, and reported that the Administrator had some concerns about the some aspects of the resolution but has now approved new language about the implementation of this goal for a resolution for Council action. Commissioner Clevey expressed interest in the City's new Environmentally Preferred Procurement Policy. Chair Appleyard reported that Tesla will be releasing their new electric tractor trailer prototype the next night.

DDA Solar Carport Project - Dave Konkle & Susan Pollay, DDA

Dave Konkle and Susan Pollay gave a presentation about the Downtown Development Authority's (DDA) latest efforts to provide electric vehicle (EV) charging to the public and install solar on their garages. The presenters spoke about the DDA's interest in conducting a pilot project to install solar carports for new EV chargers in some of their garages and at one of their surface lots. [The video for this presentation runs from 11:40 to 49:00.]

17-1860 Oey presentation Dark Skies

Attachments: OeyA2EnergyComm.pdf

UM Professor of Astronomy Sally Oey gave a presentation about the negative social and environmental impacts of light pollution and gave some ideas of how to mitigate those impacts. Commissioners spoke about possibly wanting to work with the Environmental Commission to draft a Dark Skies ordinance in the future.[The video for this presentation runs from 49:00 to 1:13:20.]

Green Fleets Policy Update - Staff

Staff reported that the updated Green Fleets policy is close to being adopted. Major changes from the previous Green Fleets Policy include an increased emphasis on electrification, solar potential, and emissions consistent with the Climate Action Plan goals. Another change is moving from reducing fuel consumption to reducing greenhouse gas emissions as the main measure of the plan.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Commissioner Mirsky reported that the Community Solar Subcommittee met the previous week. One group looked at DTE's and Arcadia Power's community solar offerings. Good initial progress by another group looking at getting solar on Ann Arbor public schools. Another group is investigating solar for nonprofits. The Subcommittee plans to have a report-back to the Commission next year but will likely miss its original target of being able to provide a comparison of community solar offerings and identify specific attractive options by early in the year. Next meeting is in early January.

Commissioner Clevey reported on the Solar Faithful project. The group is working with 10 congregations interested in having solar installed on their properties. Two of the ten congregations are already underway with solar development. He also reported that his personal case to the state tax tribunal about solar taxation on his house will be heard on November 29. He also reported that the Michigan Municipal League is fighting to keep solar taxed.

PUBLIC INPUT

Norbert Vance from EMU spoke about Professor Oey's Dark Skies presentation. In Dexter, he is seeing more "grey light" coming from LEDs. He urges Ann Arbor to consider these issues. He also urged the state to consider a state-wide lighting policy.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Commissioner Mirsky would like to have a conversation at the next meeting about the metrics proposed by the Metrics Subcommittee especially in light of the county-wide millage passing.

Chair Appleyard urges residents to speak with their Councilmembers about how the county millage funds will be used. Commissioner Mirsky urged the Commission to work through staff and the Administrator to get ideas into the city budget early in the process.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Appleyard adjourned the meeting at 7:44 pm.

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