



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes

Environmental Commission

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Thursday, January 25, 2018

7:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hutton called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Christopher L. Graham, Susan Hutton, Allison Skinner, Chip Smith, Karie Slavik, Joshua Rego, Shannan Gibb-Randall, John Mirsky, and Mike Appel

Absent: 3 - Robert Needham, Jarin Marocco, and Anne Bannister

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Smith requested that the agenda be amended to include an item "Appointing a Solid Waste Plan Subcommittee" under the Policy Agenda Discussion.

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Gibb-Randall, that the agenda be approved with changes. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[18-0187](#) Environmental Commission Minutes of 12-7-2017

Attachments: Environmental Commission minutes 12-7-2017 rev 2.pdf

The minutes were approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council due back on 2/20/2018.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

David Depies spoke about anticipating the City's cost of service study for water and for the metrics discussion.

Presentation on Equity and Water Rates - Ford School Student Project

Presenters from Professor Gerber's Applied Policy class at the Ford School about the City's water service rate study. The video for this segment runs from 7:09 to 42:42.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Solid Waste Program Discussion

Councilmember Smith reported on a discussion he has had with the City Administrator about the Solid Waste Plan Fund Balance. The City Administrator has recalculated the Fund Balance's projected size and found a several million dollar difference between his calculations and what was presented to the Commission last year. He will be coming to the February Commission meeting to present his findings. Several Commissioners expressed frustration at how solid waste issues have been handled internally.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy Agenda Discussion

Discussion about appointing a Solid Waste Plan Steering Subcommittee

There was a motion put forth by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mirsky to create a small short-term Subcommittee with the goal of providing recommendations for what should be included in the Solid Waste Plan RFP and to participate in reviewing and interviewing consultant teams replying to that RFP. Commissioners Smith, Skinner, Hutton, and Hannah expressed interest in serving on this Subcommittee.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES AND CHAIR

Review of Recommendations from the Metrics Subcommittee

Commissioner Mirsky spoke about a "Wins and Disappointments" report he pulled together reviewing the previous year. He and staff Josh MacDonald also gave a short presentation about the 38 indicators in the Sustainability Framework metrics dashboard and received feedback from the Commission. The Commissioners recommended a number of additional things to consider and investigate, including talking to City staff and nonprofits working in the related goal area of the Sustainability

Framework Dashboard for their input. The two committed to circle back to the Commission with final proposals in 2-3 months. Video for this item runs from 1:09:08 to 2:24:36.

REPORT FROM STAFF

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Recycling 101 Scheduled for 2/1 6:30PM Council Chambers

Sustainability Forum - Metrics 2/8 7PM AADL

STAR Certification Presentation February Commission Meeting

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

David Depies gave feedback about the water rates study presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hutton adjourned the meeting at 9:31pm.

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