



City of Ann Arbor

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Action Minutes

Energy Commission

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

6:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Appleyard called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 6 Council Member Eaton, Chair Appleyard, Commissioner Mirsky, Commissioner Colvin-Garcia, Commissioner Hookham, Commissioner Macomber

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC INPUT

Resident David Kraus explained to the commission that new construction near his place of residence, had blocked his solar panel's access to the sun. He voiced interest in having the Energy Commission explore solar easements to protect solar system owners from similar situations. Commissioner Hookham agreed to look into it further

ENERGY REPORT - NEWS FROM THE ENERGY OFFICE AND COMMISSIONERS

Staff Josh MacDonald informed the commission that he was working to put a 6kw solar system on the Bryant Community Center. He also informed Commission that he had finished a report on taking an Affordable Housing Commission site to Net Zero

Honeywell Municipal Building Energy Audit Presentation

Richard Williams, the project manager for Honeywell's energy audit on the City's municipal buildings, presented Honeywell's findings. They covered the current state of affairs in City buildings. Through a life cycle cost analysis, they

found that there was equipment that was way beyond its useful life, along with some great energy savings opportunities in the areas of pools and ice rinks. They also highlighted improvements that could be made across the City buildings which included, upgrades to LED lights, water conservation, sealing of building envelopes, improving attic insulation and pipe insulation, adding and improving smart thermostat, along with other energy efficiency measures. In line with the City's 100% Clean and Renewable goals, Honeywell also assessed the opportunity for solar installations and geothermal at several City locations.

Finally, Honeywell presented two different performance contract options. Commissioners agreed to continue the conversation at the next 100% Clean and Renewables sub-committee meeting.

The conversation around next steps lead into a conversation amongst Commissioners about funding sources along with the budget amendment for funding of the Sustainability and Innovation programs that was going to Council on October 15th. Commissioners discussed the need to integrate sustainability into all City operations along with the historic lack of funding for sustainability measures in the City

COMMITTEE UPDATES

100% Clean Municipal Operations

Commissioners agreed to discuss next steps concerning Honeywell and energy efficiency upgrades to City buildings

Dark Skies Ordinance

Commissioner Mirsky informed the commission that the next meeting was in November. He also informed the Commission that things were on schedule

Time of Marketing Ordinance

Chair Appleyard informed the Commission that Commissioner Paleg had left the Commission but that there would be a follow up meeting to discuss future steps

EV Readiness Ordinance

Commissioner Colvin Garcia and Chair Appleyard had already started to look at example EV ready ordinances. They agreed to have their first meeting in the coming weeks

Solar Access Ordinance

Spurred by concerns voiced earlier in the meeting by a City resident, Commissioner Hookham agreed to look into what it would take to put together a Solar Access Ordinance.

Outreach to Schools

No Update

Community Outreach (Solar & EE)

Chair Appleyard informed the Commission about the Power Hour they held a few weeks back. He gave recommendations to staff as to how best improve the experience and what steps should be taken next

Report from Environmental Commission

Commissioner Mirsky reported that the Environmental Commission was still focusing on solid waste.

PUBLIC INPUT

Resident Jay Zocher informed the commission that he was working on new EV technology and was very interested in being part of the EV ordinance sub-committee.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Ypsilanti Fire Chief, Max Anthouard along with SolarYpsi's Dave Strenski are planning to present at the next Energy Commission meeting in November

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:27 pm

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