



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes

Environmental Commission

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Thursday, December 6, 2018

7:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Needham called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: 18 - Christopher L. Graham, Susan Hutton, Robert Needham, Chip Smith, Chip Smith, Karie Slavik, John Mirsky, Mike Appel, Joshua Rego, Shannan Gibb-Randall, Anne Bannister, Anne Bannister, John Callewaert, Stephen C Brown, Anne Bannister, Anne Bannister, Chip Smith, and Chip Smith

Absent: 1 - Allison Skinner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

18-2050 Minutes from the 10-25-18 Environmental Commission meeting

Attachments: 10-25 minutes rev 3.pdf

A motion was made by Graham, seconded by Brown, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 12/24/2018. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

David Schlonberger and Jeff Elsen both spoke in support of Commission's resolution to increase Ann Arbor's preparedness in case

of a nuclear incident.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bylaws

[18-1835](#) Draft Environmental Commission Bylaws Edits - Redline Version

Attachments: Bylaws 10-25-18 draft redline.docx

[18-1836](#) Draft Environmental Commission Bylaws Edits - clean version

Attachments: Bylaws 10-25-18 draft clean.docx

18-2057 Approval of Environmental Commission Bylaws

A motion was made by Graham, seconded by Hutton, that the Resolution be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 1/7/2019. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Nuclear Emergency Planning

[18-1857](#) A Municipal Resolution to Strengthen Nuclear Emergency Planning for Ann Arbor, MI

Attachments: A Municipal Resolution to Strengthen Nuclear Emergency Planning - Environmental Commission.docx

A motion was made by Energy Commission Rep. Mirsky, seconded by Councilmember Bannister, that the Resolution be Approved as amended by the Commission and Forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 1/7/2019. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

[18-1858](#) Nuclear Radiation and the Thyroid

Attachments: Nuclear Radiation and the Thyroid.docx

18-2018 A Resolution to Harmonize Radiological Emergency Planning for KI Stockpiling around the Fermi-2 Nuclear Power Station

Attachments: ki_12062018_ann-arbor (3).pptx

Paul Gunter from Beyond Nuclear gave a very informative talk about how Ann Arbor could be better preparing its citizenry to stay safer in the event of a nuclear incident, such as a problem at the Fermi 2 nuclear power plant. Specifically, Mr. Gunter talked at length about the prophylactic benefits of timely absorption of potassium iodine to prevent radioactive iodine from reaching the thyroid.

Solid Waste

18-2076 Solid Waste Programs Updates

Attachments: Solid Waste Programs Updates_PowerPoint_2018-12-06.pdf

18-2077 Solid Waste/Recycling Program Area Status Updates

Attachments: Solid Waste Programs Updates_PowerPoint_2018-12-06 rev2.pdf

City of Ann Arbor staff, Cresson Sloten, gave a detailed update and overview of the programs, plans, and finances of the City's solid waste efforts and responded to questions from Commissioners. [The video for this segment runs between 40:50 and 2:25:20.]

18-2048 Solid Waste Fund Financials Oct 2018

Attachments: FY 2018 SOLID WASTE FUND UPDATE memo.docx

18-2058 Resolution to Delay RFP postings for Solid Waste Services until completion of APTIM Report

Attachments: 181206ResolutionSWRMP_FINAL.docx

[The video for this segment runs between 2:25:00 and 2:36:20.]

A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Councilmember Smith, that the Resolution be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 1/7/2019. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Ann Arbor Climate Emergency

18-2081 Ann Arbor Climate Emergency: Resolution Endorsing the Declaration of a Climate Emergency to Restore a Safe Climate

Attachments: Ann Arbor Climate Emergency Resolution rev2.pdf

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Energy Commission Rep. Mirsky, that the Resolution be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 1/7/2019. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Policy Action Agenda Ideas

18-2054 Environmental Commission Policy Action Agenda Ideas

Attachments: Environmental Commission policy agenda ideas_MS.pdf

Commissioners will contact Dr. Stults with any ideas for the policy action items by the end of the month.

Proposed Meeting Dates for 2019: Jan 24, Feb 28, Mar 28, April 25, May 23, June 27, July 25, Aug 22, Sept 26, Oct 24, Dec 5

Commissioners reviewed the proposed dates for 2019.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES AND CHAIR

No committee reports. Chair Needham reported that he is working on a proposed workplan for 2019 and that February's meeting will be a facilitated brainstorming session. Councilmember Bannister reported on a Safe Routes to School project that she has been working on that has run into some difficulties.

REPORT FROM STAFF

Dr. Stults reported that Commissioners should direct all questions for staff through herself and/or Emily Drennen. The Office submitted several proposals during the past couple weeks. She also reported that a budget adjustment of \$250,000 was approved by Council. Work has commenced on the Office's FY 2020/21 budget. She also spoke about an upcoming community event about climate. Matt Naud retired. The Office is still

accepting applications for the Sustaining Ann Arbor grant program. She also reported that staff will not be printing out agenda packets starting with the January meeting.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

January: Brian Steglitz (PFAS), Jen Lawson (stormwater), City Administrator Lazarus (budget planning), and possibly an item about solid waste regionalization

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

January 24, 2019 at 7pm

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

David Schoberger spoke again about the nuclear preparation resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Needham adjourned the meeting at 9:54pm.

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