

Draft
Environmental Commission
Resolution in Support of a Phase 2 Feasibility Study of Municipalization

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Whereas the Ann Arbor Environmental Commission is charged with developing comprehensive, integrated environmental policies for implementation by the City to protect and enhance our air, water, land, and public health in the city of Ann Arbor, and

Whereas in 2019 the City Council acknowledged the urgency of the climate emergency and adopted the A2Zero program supported by the Office of Sustainability and Innovation, and

Whereas the A2Zero program is based on attaining a community-wide carbon neutral status for the City of Ann Arbor, and

Whereas in 2023, less than 13% of electricity for Ann Arbor rate-payers is sourced from clean, renewable energy, with the remaining 87% of electricity production resulting in significant pollution of air, land, and water; and attendant risk of compromise of public health, and

Whereas power outages resulting from extreme weather events due to the climate emergency have become more frequent and have extended over greater periods of time, affecting residents with loss of power for heating and cooling, for medical equipment and food storage; and with increased expenses for food, travel, and temporary housing, and

Whereas an initial feasibility study of both a Sustainable Electric Utility and a municipal utility has found both to be feasible and complementary, and


Whereas a Phase 2 study of details regarding costs for equipment, staffing, and assessing risks of making a shift to a different electric power sourcing model are necessary to understand how to provide the public with best information for decision making in order to meet the clean, renewable energy goals of the climate emergency, therefore let it be


advises


Resolved, the Ann Arbor Environmental Commission requests that the Ann Arbor City Council pursue a Phase 2 study for the municipalization of the power grid and all other means available to ease the burden of the currently unreliable source of electricity.


Summary of Comments on 5 2023 1130 Draft ResolutionSupport for Phase 2 Feasibility Study

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A2ZERO (with the 2 superscript)

 Number: 2 Author: Author Subject: Sticky Note Date: 4/9/2024 12:00:18 PM
A2ZERO is about achieving a just transition to community-wide carbon neutrality by 2030.

 Number: 3 Author: Author Subject: Sticky Note Date: 4/9/2024 12:00:31 PM
I'd say, "both feasible under some scenarios"

 Number: 4 Author: Author Subject: Sticky Note Date: 4/9/2024 12:00:48 PM
I don't think this sentence is accurate. A few things. A phase 2 is just an appraisal of the assets that we need for court. Moreover, it is NOT a strategy to achieve 100% renewable energy. As such, strongly recommend rewo to:

Whereas a Phase 2 study of municipalization would provide an appraisal of the systems value, which would be necessary to provide the public so they can make an informed decision about next steps regarding a condemnation proceeding and total takeover of DTE's assets.