



# City of Ann Arbor

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## Action Minutes

### Energy Commission

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Tuesday, September 11, 2018

6:00 PM

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

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**Special Meeting: \*This meeting has been changed to a regular meeting after originally scheduled as a Work Session**

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Appleyard called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

#### ROLL CALL

**PRESENT: 9 Council Member Eaton, Commissioner Lenski, Commissioner Mirsky, Commissioner Clevey, Commissioner Appleyard, Commissioner Shriberg, 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 Colvin Garcia that the minutes be approved. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried

#### PUBLIC INPUT

Resident David Depise voiced interest in seeing more details on the agenda about resolutions and requested that the information be available earlier.

#### ENERGY REPORT - NEWS FROM THE ENERGY OFFICE AND COMMISSIONERS

Staff Josh MacDonald gave internal as well as external updates. He announced that the 378 remaining mercury-vapor DTE streetlights would be converted into LED lights. He also informed the Commission about a meeting that occurred with the new manager of the Office of Sustainability and Innovations, Missy Stults. At that meeting, she covered the work plan for the office.

In external news, Staff Josh MacDonald gave an update on the Solar Faithful program. He also informed the commission about the Community Power Hour that occurred on August the 22nd at 7 pm. The event brought together panelists

that informed the public about energy efficiency and solar opportunities in the community. September 16th from 9am to 3pm is National Drive Electric Week. The Whole Foods on Eisenhower will have electric vehicles for the community to test-drive. Staff Josh MacDonald completed his portion of the energy news with details about Honeywell and their energy audit. Honeywell will be presenting at the next Energy Commission meeting. Commissioner Mirsky announced that the September 17th City Council meeting will have information on PFAS. Commissioner Hookham updated the Commission on renewable projects that he has been working on. Commissioner Mirsky discussed the current status of the resolutions that had been passed during the previous Energy Commission. Chair Appleyard talked about power outages between Stadium and 7th Street and Pauline, an area named the "Bermuda triangle." He also cited two updates on the future of climate change. The first was from the Global Commission on the Economy and Climate and the second from Carbon tracker. They addressed 2030 as an important date for climate change and whether we can make sufficient changes by 2030. He also informed the Commission of a volunteer opportunity to increase the solar panels on an Ypsilanti Fire Station to 100% on Saturday at 9 am. Chair Appleyard concluded his portion of the update by informing the commission of a sustainability event at the University of Michigan on September 24th and 25th.

#### **Resolution in Support of HB 5143 and HB 5680**

In the context of the resolution, Commissioners discussed the role of lobbyists, and the importance of covering all alternative energy sources throughout the resolution. Changes were made to the resolution and put up for a vote.

Resolution of Support for Michigan Alternative Energy Systems Tax Treatment (House Bill Nos. 5143 and 5680)

A motion was made by Commissioner Mirsky and seconded by Commissioner Clevey, that the Resolution be approved by the Commission. On a voice vote, the resolution passed unanimously.

#### **Resolution in Support of Freedom Package**

In the context of the resolution, Commissioners discussed how closely the resolution mirrored the bill, and discussed the cost of net metering in different states. After making some changes, the resolution went to a vote.

Resolution to Support the Energy Commission's Resolution of Support for the Michigan House of Representatives' Michigan Energy Freedom Package (House Bill Nos. 5861-5865)

A motion was made by Commissioner Mirsky and seconded by Commissioner Clevey, that the Resolution be approved by the Commission. On a voice vote, the resolution passed. Commissioners Lenski and Hookham cast dissenting votes.

#### **Resolution Commending Solar Club Participants**

In the context of the resolution, Commissioners discussed how the resolution would lead to the nomination for GLREA outstanding solar businesses award. After making some changes to the resolution, it went up for a vote.

### Commendation Honoring Ann Arbor Solar Club Participants

A motion was made by Commissioner Mirsky and seconded by Clevey, that the Resolution be approved by the Commission. On a voice vote, the resolution passed unanimously.

### 100% Municipal Clean Energy Presentation

Staff Josh MacDonald presented on the Sustainability Office's plan to go 100% Clean and Renewable. He covered current municipal operations, the potential energy efficiency upgrades that could be done for the buildings, potential renewable generation both onsite and offsite, an EV fleet review, and some wild cards. The commissioners discussed upgrades in dam technology, the importance of incorporating resilience on emergency facilities, the potential for power purchase agreements and community solar, the logistics of a carbon tax, and setting relative measurements to compare approaches in the plan.

### COMMITTEE UPDATES

#### Dark Skies/Lighting Ordinance

Commissioner Mirsky gave an update about the team working on the ordinance, a summary of the process the ordinance has gone through, along with the next steps on getting the ordinance in place.

#### Time of Marketing Ordinance

Chair Appleyard gave background on what the ordinance contained and a summary of the ordinance itself. Staff Josh MacDonald gave an update for the next meeting.

#### EV Readiness Ordinance

Chair Appleyard informed the commission that he had gathered background information on the ordinance and is in the process of putting a draft together

#### Outreach to Schools

Commissioner Colvin-Garcia gave an update to the commission. Part of the update included new curriculum being created and funded through a grant from the Sustainable Ann Arbor grant fund. Commissioners discussed alternative funding sources.

#### Community Outreach - Solar & EO programs

Commissioners covered this in the news notes section

#### Report from Environmental Commission

Commissioner Mirsky informed the group that the Environmental Commission had mostly focused on solid waste. He covered details about their next steps as

it pertained to solid waste, stakeholder involvement, and deadlines relative to solid waste.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- Honeywell update
- Presentation on DTE's rate case

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm

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