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Action Minutes

Energy Commission

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

6:00 PM

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

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CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:08pm

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ROLL CALL

Present: 15 - Charles Hookham, Brigit Macomber, Mike Shriberg, Mark Clevey, Noah Levin, John Mirsky, Carlene Colvin-Garcia, Erica Briggs, Travis Radina, Jay Zocher, Teresa Hatcher, Ember McCoy, Robert Jeorg, Julian Singleton, and Larry Kerber

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Jeorge, seconded by Commissioner Zocher, that the Agenda be Approved. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioners postponed the passing of the minutes to the next meeting

PUBLIC INPUT

Resident Garber discussed the proposed electrification ordinance, current State building codes, the City's legal advice on the ability for the City to pass building code that was more stringent than State building code. Commissioners discussed the need to review the topic with legal.

ENERGY REPORT - NEWS FROM THE ENERGY OFFICE AND COMMISSIONERS

Staff Stults touched on OSI updates including new solarize events, the new staff member, Sean Reynolds who was leading the 10,000 trees initiative, along with updates on the EV readiness ordinance that would be going up for its second reading. She also mentioned fast chargers that would be installed at City Hall and the increase of level 2 chargers across the City. She talked about the electrification program potentially funded by the Mcknight foundation that would look at Bryant Community Center. She also gave the commission an update on the landfill solar project and the potential for it becoming a community solar project. Stults also discussed information webinars on A2Zero that Ann Arbor's 2030 district would be hosting.

Commissioners had questions on the EV chargers, the 10,000 tree initiative and the potential for Sean to come and present to the Commission. They also discussed identifying inequity in the community, and the slight in CO2 vehicle emissions. They discussed the recent sustainability recommendations that came out of the University of Michigan, who is looking for feedback. Finally, they acknowledged that the federal tax credit on solar was being extended.

Energy Systems Basics - Chuck Hookham

Commissioner Hookham gave a presentation on energy systems that included natural gas supply chains and their alternatives, the electrical infrastructure in our community, as well as power plants and planned retirements. He covered considerations for electricity generation as well as the limited potential capacity for generation within City boundaries.

Commissioners discussed the need to move a long time ago, dealing with natural gas infrastructure, and the need to have more incentives at the Michigan Public Service Commission for greening of the grid.

Energy Principles Resolution

Staff Stults updated the commission on the conversations had with council

around the energy principles. She clarified the differences between criteria and principles. The Commission discussed and addressed the contradictions between them especially as it pertained to locality and equity. Commissioners discussed affordability and the differences between equity and affordability and staff liaison Stults agreed that these contradictions had yet to be played out.

A motion was made by Commissioner Clevey, seconded by Commissioner Joerge, that the resolution pass. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Energy Commission/OSI Projects

Staff Stults went over different areas for colaboration between OSI and the Energy Commission which included, electrification strategy, electric vehicle strategy, energy concierge development, energy education strategy, and the LMI solar acceess working group. Commissioners agreed to confirm which area they were interested in through e-mail.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Renewables

Building & The Built Environment

Community Outreach

Transportation Electrification

Vice Chair Colvin Garcia informed the commission that the EV Readiness ordinance was going up for its second reading.

Report from Environmental Commission

Chair Mirsky informed the commission that the Environmental Commission had a work session

PUBLIC INPUT

Seeing no one, the chair moved to close public input

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Chair Mirsky brought up a number of future topics including: Presentation from Ann Arbor Public Power, a presentation on State Energy Code, the potential ban on natural gas ordinance, the 10,000 tree initiative, and the potential for an educational series.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair called the meeting to a close at 8:16pm

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