



City of Ann Arbor

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Action Minutes

Energy Commission

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

6:00 PM

Electronic Meeting of the Energy
Commission

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CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Land Acknowledgment

Staff Stults read the Land Acknowledgment statement

ROLL CALL

Present: 11 - Charles Hookham, Mike Shriberg, Mark Clevey, Noah Levin, John Mirsky, Carlene Colvin-Garcia, Erica Briggs, Travis Radina, Jay Zocher, Ember McCoy, and Larry Kerber

Absent: 3 - Brigit Macomber, Robert Jeorg, and Julian Singleton

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Briggs, seconded by Council Member Radina, that the Agenda be Approved. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Colvin Garcia, seconded by Council Member Briggs, that the all previous minutes be approved. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

No Public Input

RMI - Beneficial Electrification

Ana Sofia and Brett Bridgeland gave a presentation on carbon free buildings. They covered electrification, what electrification looks like and recommendations for Ann Arbor. They covered the Climate, health and consumer protection implications of electrifying your home. They also covered the types of heat pumps, the increased efficiency of heat pumps, and the advancements in technology for heat pumps. They recommended that Ann Arbor look at its building stock and specifically focus on affordable housing that often has resistance heating to start electrifying. They also brought up the importance of job opportunities for creating and developing jobs and prioritize where it makes the most sense to electrify like in new construction. They also offered covered resources for City's looking to incorporate electrification in their community.

Commissioners discussed the role of renewables and energy efficiency, the role of the utilities, and the role of the government in electrification. They also discussed fees that promotes electrification and other ways to promote electrification and renewables more generally with new builds and existing housing stock.

SolarFaithful Presentation

Murray Rosenthal presented the solar faithful model. A local house of worship, Genesis, took part of the Solar Faithful program that Murray now helps to run. He also covered the motivation for Genesis to pursue solar and the the specifics of the system, how they created the program through the power purchase agreement, the need for an LLC along with information on how to capture the federal tax credit along with resources for those interested that can be found on Michigan Interfaith Power and Light's website. Commissioners expressed gratitude for Murray's work in the community.

ENERGY REPORT - NEWS FROM THE ENERGY OFFICE AND COMMISSIONERS**WORKING GROUP UPDATES**

The Concierge group is meeting on a regular basis and collecting information on other concierge service. Council Member Briggs and Brett gave an update

on the lighting ordinance.

Report from Environmental Commission

There was no update

PUBLIC INPUT

Community member Ken Garber discussed electrification, the costs of electrification and the need to push things forward.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Colvin Garcia called the meeting to a close at 8:20pm

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