



ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 29, 2024 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

1. Roll Call

Committee Attendees: Chair Lauren Lindelof, Dr. Edmund Chute, David Ferri, Meaghan Yorro, and Ava McNanley.

Wayzata City Staff Member: Nick Kieser, Parks and Environment Planner.

2. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve agenda, first by Yorro, seconded by Lindelof. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approve September 24, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as amended, first by Ferri, seconded by Chute. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Review MPCA Grant Proposals

The Committee reviewed proposals from three consulting firms (SRF, LHB, and WSB) to assist with the city's Climate Action Plan. The Committee discussed the local experience and expertise of the firms, with LHB having worked on similar plans in nearby cities. Key considerations included the firms' approaches to greenhouse gas reduction, energy efficiency, and developing an actionable implementation plan.

Ultimately the Committee recommends LHB as the consulting firm for the City Operations Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Plan contingent on the further information that staff will follow up on. If any questions come out of the staff's investigation, staff will come back to the Committee for further discussion.

Motion to approve the recommendation, first by Chute, seconded by Yorro. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Works Equipment Review

The Committee reviewed new electric-powered equipment for the public works department which also aligns with the city's efforts to transition away from gas-powered equipment to reduce emissions and noise.

Motion to approve the proposed electrical equipment purchase, first by Chute, seconded by Yorro. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Dark Sky Update

Staff provided an update on researching a dark sky ordinance, drawing insights from other cities like Plymouth that have implemented similar policies. The goal is to develop an ordinance that addresses light pollution and glare, while also considering public safety concerns. For next steps, the staff plans

to draft a proposed ordinance based on best practices from other municipalities and develop one tailored to Wayzata's needs.

7. Solar Tour Review

The Committee discussed the recent solar tour event, which had a good turnout and generated interest from community members. Feedback included that some residents, like those at the Folkestone development, were unaware of the solar installations in the city. The Committee explored ideas to further promote solar energy adoption, such as offering solar lighting kits to multi-family buildings.

8. Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 26 at 5:30 PM

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting, first by Lindelof, seconded by Yorro. Motion passed unanimously.