



ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 27, 2025, 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

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

Wayzata City Staff Members: Nick Kieser, Parks and Environment Planner, and Bennett Myhran, City Forester

2. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve agenda, first by Ferri, seconded by Chute. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Approve August 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes, first by Yorro and seconded by Ferri. Motion passed 4-0.

4. Arbor Month Event Discussion

The Arbor Month Event is scheduled for Saturday, May 31 from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm. Dark Skies has asked for a table at the event and the Committee agreed that would be a good addition. The Committee noted that the speakers can conduct their presentation first and then direct participants to the location of the tree spade at 1:00 pm.

City Forester Myrhan discussed various talking points for his presentation at the event including planting diversity, climate change, invasive species, etc. The Committee agreed with all of these topics as good talking points for the event.

Staff and the Committee then discussed logistics for the event including tables and chairs, handouts, speaker, etc. Yorro noted that she will create the scavenger hunt and treats for the kids. Staff will bring the other items for the event.

5. City Operations Resilience Plan Update

Yorro and Chermack presented the Resilience Plan as drafted by LHB to the City Council at their May 20 workshop. The Council was receptive of the Plan and provided general feedback. The Plan is scheduled to be presented to the City Council at their June 17 meeting for final approval to meet the June 30 MPCA grant deadline.

Council did note that they want to see a priority list of the action items that incorporated in the Plan from the Committee. Therefore, the Committee agreed that a special Committee meeting should be scheduled to discuss this comment and create a priority list of the action items from the Committee's perspective. The special meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10 at 5:00 pm.

6. Municipal Solar Education Update

Staff presented an option to showcase the solar production that Blue Horizon has used in the past. The option would be able to show a dashboard of real-time solar production for each installation. The Committee agreed that the dashboards would be a great addition to the website to educate residents and showcase solar production. Once the dashboards are on the city website, these links could be sent out in the Portal, Wayzata Weekly, social media posts, etc. In addition, the Committee noted that the links could also be shared with the School Districts to educate them on our solar installations.

7. Next Sessions/Meetings – Special Session Tuesday June 10 and Regular Meeting Tuesday, June 24

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn, first by Yorro, seconded by Ferri. Motion passed 4-0.