



**ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM**

**1. Roll Call**

Committee Attendees: Chair Lauren Lindelof, Ed Chute, KC Chermak, and Meaghan Yorro.

Wayzata City Staff Member: Alex Sharpe, Community Development Director and Nick Kieser, Parks and Environment Planner.

Alex Sharpe, the new Community Development Director, introduced himself and noted his background to the Energy and Environment Committee.

**2. Approve Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda, first by Chute, seconded by Chermak. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Approve March 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes, first by Yorro, seconded by Chermak. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. City Operation Resilience Plan Progress Update**

Staff provided an update on the City Operations Resilience Plan. The Plan is scheduled to be reviewed by the City Council during their May 20 workshop, with final approval anticipated at the June 17 City Council meeting. This timeline is designed to meet the MPCA grant deadline, which requires submission of the finalized Plan by June 30.

Staff recommended that the Energy and Environment Committee lead the presentation of the Plan at the May 20 workshop. Chermak and Yorro expressed willingness to assist with the presentation. Chair Lindelof noted she will be out of town on that date but offered to help with preparations beforehand.

The Committee discussed strategies for prioritizing the numerous actions outlined in the Plan. Input from city staff will be essential in this effort, as they will be responsible for

implementing many of the actions. It was suggested that evaluating each action item by the amount of staff time and resources required would help inform prioritization.

The Plan is also intended to reduce long-term costs for the City, and this benefit should be clearly communicated to the City Council. In addition, having an approved Plan in place may improve the City's competitiveness for future grant opportunities.

Chute raised a point regarding the demographic data included in the Plan, suggesting that it would be helpful to clarify the data sources and collection methods.

### **5. Folkstone Earth Day Review**

Chair Lindelof reported that she and staff attended the Folkstone Earth Day event. Folkstone representatives noted that their community constitutes approximately 10% of Wayzata's population and that they emphasize reuse and recycling efforts. The Energy and Environment Committee shared a booth with the Dark Skies group to inform attendees about the Committee's work. The event was well attended, with numerous educational booths and valuable insights shared.

### **6. Arbor Month Event**

The Arbor Month Event is scheduled for Saturday, May 31, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM. Staff has prepared a promotional flyer for distribution. A speaker with expertise in trees is still needed. Staff will consult with City Forester Myhran to identify a potential speaker. All other aspects of the event are on track for the event.

### **7. Municipal Solar Cost Savings Update and Education Discussion**

Staff provided an update on cost savings achieved through municipal solar energy production. The realized savings closely align with the initial projections. The Committee discussed outreach strategies to publicize these savings and educate residents about the solar initiative. Staff will contact Blue Horizon to explore potential ideas or examples from other communities that have effectively showcased their solar production benefits.

### **8. Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 27**

### **10. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn, first by Lindelof, seconded by Chermak. Motion passed unanimously at 6:45 pm.