

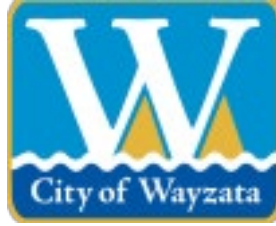


## **ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, September 30, 2025 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM**

**Wayzata City Hall  
600 Rice Street East  
Wayzata, MN 55391**

1. Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve August 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes
4. Dark Sky Event Recap
5. [Resilience Plan](#) Review
6. Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 28
7. Adjournment



**ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, August 26, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM**

**1. Roll Call**

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

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

**2. Approve Agenda**

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

**3. Approve July 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes, first by Lindelof and seconded by Kirkland. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. Dark Sky Event Discussion**

The Committee discussed the upcoming Dark Sky Event, scheduled for Friday, September 26, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The University of Minnesota has confirmed their participation and will provide telescopes, along with a presentation on anticipated celestial observations. Staff will confirm with Todd Bulet from Dark Sky to ensure his attendance and availability to present. The Minnesota Ornithological Society will also participate by hosting an educational table. Additional amenities, including snacks, drinks, stickers, and tattoos, will be provided during the event.

The presentations will take place in the Community Room at City Hall, followed by night sky viewing at the overlook in City Hall Park. Afterward, a walking tour along Lake Street will highlight the impacts of light pollution. Staff is exploring the possibility of temporarily turning off lights in the vicinity of City Hall Park to improve viewing conditions.

Event flyers may be distributed at locations such as Lunds, local churches, and the library to assist with promotion. Staff also reported that the *Sun Sailor* has expressed interest in publishing event details in an upcoming edition. The Board encouraged members to share information via email or personal outreach to help increase attendance.

## **5. Dark Sky Lighting Discussion**

Board Member Kirkland reported that he has contacted Musco Lighting to explore options for upgrading the field lighting at Klapprich Park to meet Dark Sky compliance standards. Staff and Kirkland met with a Musco representative, who noted that the company originally installed the existing lighting and would be able to assist with future renovations.

Musco provided a cost estimate for the lighting renovation, ranging from \$153,500 to \$163,500. The project scope includes converting all existing field lights to LED fixtures. According to the estimate, spill light and glare would be reduced by 50%, while energy and maintenance costs could be reduced by up to 85% compared to current equipment.

Staff noted that this estimate is expected to be introduced to the City Council during upcoming Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget discussions. The Council will determine whether to fund the project and, if approved, identify the appropriate timeline and priority for implementation.

## **6. Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 30**

## **7. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn, first by Ferri, seconded by Chermak. Motion passed unanimously.

# Dark Skies

A Family-Friendly Event hosted at City Hall  
Friday, September 26 | 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Enjoy an engaging talk about the Dark Sky program and how lighting impacts our community, learn about nocturnal birds, explore the stars and planets through telescopes with the University of Minnesota Universe in the Park, join in on family-friendly activities, and enjoy snacks under the night sky! Bring your own binoculars for an additional opportunity for a guided tour of the sky!

If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will gather instead on Friday, October 3. Let's come together to celebrate the beauty of our starlit skies!

*Hosted by the  
Energy & Environment Committee*

