

Rochester/Olmsted Planning Department
Campus Conf Rm A
2122 Campus Drive SE

Regular Meeting

August 08, 2017
04:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTIONS
 - 2.A. *Intro New EC Member - Dave Reichert*
3. APPROVE MINUTES
 - 3.1. July Meeting Minutes
4. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY
5. RECENT COMMISSIONER ACTIVITIES
6. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
7. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - 7.A. *Green Steps Cities Grant*
 - 7.B. *RPU Rate Increase and Deposit Policy Change*
 - 7.C. *Dubuque Sustainable Cities Conference*
8. DECISION ITEMS
9. ADJOURN

Rochester Energy Commission
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2122 Campus DR SE
Rochester, MN 55904

July 11, 2017

Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Rochester Energy Commission was called to order by Chair Richey at 4:36 PM.

ATTENDANCE/COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTIONS:

- Members attending: Anna Richey, Edward Cohen, Raymond Schmitz, Cory Rubin, Kelly O'Marro, Kim Norton, Steve Soltis and Michael Wojcik (Council Rep)
- Staff attending: Jeff Ellerbusch, Ryan Yetzer (Planning Dept.)
- Guests in attendance: Rick Morris, Gael Entrikin, Ivan Idso, Megan Gallagher.

SET THE ORDER OF AGENDA:

Wojcik, seconded by Cohen to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion passed with all voting in favor.**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Commissioner introductions, and Ivan Idso asked if it's possible to look at the soft costs in the County to install solar.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE MEETING MINUTES:

Wojcik moved, seconded by Norton to approve the minutes of June 13th as presented. **Motion passed with all voting in favor.**

RECENT COMMISSIONER ACTIVITIES REPORT:

Richey accepted a level 3 green step community award. Attended AESP half day workshop on how to move toward net-zero.

Norton attended energy workshops at the League of MN Cities. Norton also brought up pricing issue with the City's vehicle charger and discussion ensued.

Wojcik talked about pushing RPU to discuss what it looks like when 15%/20% of vehicles are electric, how will RPU handle that?

Schmitz brought up the topic of an electric City fleet, discussion ensued.

DISCUSSION ITEMS- 2018 Budget:

There was concern around if this budget allocates enough money to start moving some of the EAP goals forward. Ultimately it was decided that Kevin Bright should provide input on what type of budget he needs to move the EAP goals forward.

Schmitz moved to have the executive committee meet with Kevin to discuss the budget, Norton Seconded. Motion passed with all voting in favor.

DISCUSSION ITEMS- Next steps on Energy Action Plan:

Richey reported that the Energy Action Plan went to COW, then was approved at the City Council Meeting. Discussion ensued around the process of getting the EPA approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS- GreenSteps:

A comment was made to ask Kevin for GHG production numbers. There was consensus that we should continue to move forward, taking on the next GreenSteps.

DISCUSSION ITEMS-Update on Climate Smart Municipalities- Kim Norton:

Norton reported on her Climate Smart Municipalities trip to Germany with Mitizi Baker and Mark Kotschevar, and her personal trip to Denmark. Discussion was had around observations from her trip. Noted that Dames and Germans are coming to Rochester in October.

Wojcik left meeting at 5:50- Asked that LED street light be added to next meeting's agenda

ANNOUNCEMENT:

A Governor's Town Hall Water Summit is being held July 31st at the Heinz Center in Rochester.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Cohen, seconded by Norton. **Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.**