

1 **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**
2 **Thursday, October 26, 2020 – 10:30 A.M.**
3 **REMOTE ACCESS MEETING**

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5 **ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER**

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7 Chairman Melanie Rummel called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. Aldermen
8 Jed Morris and Jim Preschlack were present.
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10 Staff in attendance included Mike Strong, Assistant City Manager; Michael
11 Thomas, Director of Public Works; Jim Lockefer, Management Analyst; Dan
12 Martin, Superintendent of Public Works; Cathy Czerniak, Director of Community
13 Development and Layla Werner, Administrative Intern.
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15 Also in attendance was Greg Maxwell, Senior Vice President of Resource
16 Management Companies and Marcus Norman, Consultant.
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18 There were approximately 10 members of the public that attended the meeting
19 remotely.
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21 Chairman Rummel made the following statement as required by the Open
22 Meetings Act. In accordance with state statute, Chairman Rummel has made a
23 determination that it was not practical or prudent to schedule an in-person
24 Committee meeting because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which is why this
25 October 26, 2020 Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting is being held
26 remotely.
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28 **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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30 **I. UPDATE ON RECYCLING COSTS AND MARKETING CAMPAIGN –**
31 **Presented by Dan Martin & Marcus Norman, Norman Design**
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33 Assistant City Manager, Mike Strong introduced Superintendent of
34 Public Works, Dan Martin to update the Committee on recycling
35 costs, as well as the recycling campaign. Dan Martin explained
36 that the presentation would give additional background on the
37 marketing component to the recycling campaign and the
38 contract that the City has with Resource Management Companies.
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40 Greg Maxwell, Senior Vice President of Resource Management
41 Companies presented an update on recycling methods. He briefly
42 displayed current trends for different recyclable products and
43 market value for specific products with contamination.
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45 The Committee had a lengthy discussion on education campaigns
46 and on contamination levels in the City. Greg Maxwell explained to
47 the Committee the strengths of the current educational campaign
48 being utilized in the City.

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Marcus Norman, Consultant gave a brief update on the recycling campaign being conducted by the City. He began his presentation by providing background on the purpose of the recycling campaign and discussed the various forms of communication utilized to be more interactive with residents. Mr. Norman explained the success of different forms of communication, stating that some initiatives have been put on hold, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chairman Rummel asked if there were any questions or comments on this agenda item.

The Committee thanked Mr. Norman for his work on the recycling campaign.

The Committee had lengthy discussion about the continued education and tracking of the contamination rates within the City.

Chairman Rummel asked if there were any additional comments from the Committee. Seeing none she asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

Seeing none, she moved to the next agenda item.

**II. INTRODUCTION ON SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES & PRIORITIES –
Presented by Mike Strong**

Assistant City Manager, Mike Strong gave a brief overview of a preliminary list of sustainability initiatives and projects that the Committee may choose to prioritize in the future. He explained the processes and discussions that were conducted by MIST Environment regarding how to weight and value specific projects, and ensuring that priorities are in alignment with the Committee, community, and City Council goals.

The Committee expressed their excitement on the potential for recommended next steps and how they could coordinate future recommendations with capital projects.

Chairman Rummel asked if there were any additional comments from the Committee. Seeing none she asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

Seeing none, she moved to the next agenda item.

97 **ACTION ITEMS**

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99 **I. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 MEETING MINUTES**

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101 Alderman Preschlack moved to approve the September 17, 2020
102 Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting minutes.
103 Alderman Morris seconded the motion. The following voted "Aye":
104 Chairman Rummel, Aldermen Morris and Preschlack. The following
105 voted "Nay": None. 3-Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

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107 **II. REVIEW AND RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO CITY COUNCIL OF**
108 **SUSTAINABILITY ENHANCEMENTS TO CIP PROJECTS FOR FY2022 –**
109 **Presented by Mike Strong, Michael Thomas, Chuck Myers**

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111 Assistant City Manager, Mike Strong introduced Director of Public
112 Works, Michael Thomas, to present on how staff has reviewed the
113 capital planning process to include sustainability enhancements.

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115 Director of Public Works, Michael Thomas discussed the process of
116 updating the five-year capital plan that is reviewed every year to
117 evaluate City owned infrastructure. Michael Thomas, Jim Lockfefer
118 and Chuck Myers presented potential projects such as the Old Elm
119 and Sheridan Parking Lot, Fire Department vehicle replacement,
120 Rockefeller/Loch Storm sewer ravine project, Seminary Ravine
121 sanitary/storm sewer study, South Park parking lot replacement,
122 and Waveland Park lot resurface and expansion, that could
123 incorporate sustainability elements.

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125 The Committee asked additional clarifying questions throughout
126 the presentation.

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128 The Committee had additional discussion on ravine management
129 and a potential public education component to further explain
130 ravine enhancements.

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132 Alderman Preschlack moved to recommend approval of the
133 sustainable projects as outlined to the City Council to review at the
134 November budget meeting. Alderman Morris seconded the
135 motion. The following voted "Aye": Chairman Rummel, Aldermen
136 Morris and Preschlack. The following voted "Nay": None. 3-Ayes, 0
137 Nays, motion carried.

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139 Chairman Rummel asked if there were any questions or comments
140 from the public.

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142 There was one question which was answered live with the Zoom
143 Q&A function.

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ADDITIONAL ITEMS

I. DEERPATH STREETSCAPE PROJECT UPDATE – Presented by Jim Lockefer

Public Works Management Analyst, Jim Lockefer gave a brief update on the Deerpath Streetscape, stating that the City has completed the phase one design process. During this process, the ad hoc committee solicited feedback from the community, that green infrastructure be incorporated into the final project plan. Jim Lockefer explained how the recommended tree trenches encompassed the sustainability aspect by improving storm water quality.

Chairman Rummel asked if there were any additional questions or comments from the Committee. Seeing none, she asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

Seeing none, she moved to the next agenda item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Rummel asked if there were any public comments on any non-agenda items.

Seeing none, Chairman Rummel moved to the next agenda item.

NEXT MEETING DATE(S)

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Morris moved to adjourn the meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Committee at 12:07 P.M. seconded by Chairman Rummel. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Layla Werner
Administrative Intern

Reviewed by,

Mike Strong
Assistant City Manager