

1 **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**
2 **Thursday, May 20, 2021 – 7:00 P.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 6:30 P.M. Aldermen
8 Jim Preschlack and Eileen Weber were present.
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10 Staff in attendance included Mike Strong, Assistant City Manager; Cathy
11 Czerniak, Director of Community Development; and Layla Werner, Management
12 Analyst
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14 There were approximately 3 members of the public that attended the meeting
15 remotely.
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17 Chairman Rummel made the following statement as required by the Open
18 Meetings Act. In accordance with state statute, Chairman Rummel has made a
19 determination that it was not practical or prudent to schedule an in-person
20 Committee meeting because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which is why this May
21 20, 2021 Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting is being held remotely.
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23 Chairman Rummel welcomed Alderman Weber, who is a new addition to the
24 Environmental Sustainability Committee.
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26 **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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28 **I. NORTH BRANCH WATERSHED WORKGROUP ANNUAL MEETING RECAP**
29 **– Presented by Layla Werner, Management Analyst**

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31 Layla Werner, Management Analyst, gave a brief presentation
32 summarizing the North Branch Watershed Workgroup annual
33 meeting, where the group presented the 2018-2019 water quality
34 assessment report. She discussed the multiple areas of impact that
35 the watersheds are facing, and identified sampling locations
36 specific to Lake Forest. Ms. Werner further explained the elevated
37 rate of heavy metals and sediment PAH levels and how other
38 sampling sites are impacted.
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40 The Committee asked clarifying questions regarding the source of
41 the heavy metals, and the impact to Lake Forest watersheds.
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43 Chairman Rummel asked if there were any additional comments
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46 Seeing none, Chairman Rummel asked if there were any additional
47 questions or comments from the public.
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49 Seeing none, she moved to the next agenda item.

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ACTION ITEMS

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I. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 17, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

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Alderman Preschlack moved to approve the February 17, 2021
Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting minutes.

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Alderman Weber seconded the motion. The following voted "Aye":
Chairman Rummel, Aldermen Preschlack and Weber. The following
voted "Nay": None. 3-Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

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II. COMMITTEE WORK PLANNING DISCUSSION – Introduced by Mike Strong, Assistant City Manager

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Assistant City Manager, Mike Strong, presented an update to the
Committee work planning discussion, and gave brief background
including the work the Committee did with the consultant MIST
Environment. He further explained and laid out a sustainability
planning process. This included assessing the issues, strategizing,
planning, evaluating priorities, and promoting and marketing
progress. Mr. Strong displayed work that has been completed to
date by the Committee in conjunction with MIST Environment.
Completing the planning process, and working towards
prioritization, a survey was developed to help outline next steps by
grasping further feedback from the City Council.

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The Committee had lengthy discussion regarding the survey
created to be presented to the City Council.

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There was additional discussion regarding the prioritization of
initiatives.

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Mr. Strong further explained how these processes would further be
tied in to the budget, or future marketing strategies.

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Following further discussion, Mr. Strong provided a brief timeline
and next steps regarding the survey process.

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Chairman Rummel asked the Committee if there was any further
feedback regarding specific areas of the survey.

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

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Seeing none, she moved to the next agenda item.

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ADDITIONAL ITEMS

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**I. UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION PROGRAM –
Presented by Mike Strong, Assistant City Manager**

Assistant City Manager, Mike Strong updated the Committee regarding community choice aggregation. He explained the recent update to the plan of governance in February, which allows the City to procure solar energy credits for municipal accounts. He further explained the RFP process to engage in a contract, offering an energy rate at or better than ComEd, potentially resulting in a net savings.

Chairman Rummel asked if there were any additional questions or comments from the Committee.

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

Seeing none, she moved to the next agenda item.

I. FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed potential future meeting dates, and setting a regular meeting time and date.

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 Weber moved to adjourn the meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Committee at 8:13 P.M. seconded by Preschlack. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Layla Werner
Management Analyst

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Reviewed by,

Mike Strong
Assistant City Manager