

1 **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**
2 **Wednesday, June 16, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.**
3 **City Hall, 220 E. Deerpath**

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5 **ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER**

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7 Chairman Melanie Rummel called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 and Dan
11 Martin, Superintendent of Public Works

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13 Also in attendance was Mike Stopka, Consultant with MIST Environmental

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15 There were no members of the public that attended the meeting.

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17 **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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19 **I. UPDATE ON RETHINK RECYCLING MARKETING CAMPAIGN – Dan**
20 **Martin, Superintendent of Public Works**

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22 Superintendent of Public Works, Dan Martin provided a brief
23 update regarding the Rethink Recycling Campaign. Mr. Martin
24 began his report by providing background of the recycling
25 contamination audits in addition to marketing efforts conducted
26 via social media. While there has been a decrease in the
27 contamination rate, he explained they were unable to get the
28 most recent audit, due to a fire at Resource Management. Mr.
29 Martin continued to explain the current environment, utilizing social
30 media, the dialogue, the "oops tag" program, and drop in
31 education programs for the summer camps.

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

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36 The Committee had discussion regarding sanitation and Bart the
37 Cart making an appearance at the Lake Forest Day parade.

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39 **ACTION ITEMS**

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41 **I. APPROVAL OF MAY 20, 2021 MEETING MINUTES**

42 Alderman Preschlack moved to approve the May 20, 2021
43 Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting minutes.
44 Alderman Weber seconded the motion. Motion carried
45 unanimously by voice vote.
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II. REVIEW AND RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO CITY COUNCIL A POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH MC-SQUARED ENERGY SERVICES – Mike Strong, Assistant City Manager

Assistant City Manager, Mike Strong, presented an update to the Committee, providing the final draft of the agreement with MC-Squared Energy Services. He further explained how the agreement authorizes the City to re-establish an aggregation program. Mr. Strong gave an in depth explanation of the advantages and potential revenue for a sustainability fund after establishing this program.

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

Seeing none, she asked for a motion of approval.

Alderman Weber moved to recommend approval to City Council a Power Supply Agreement With Mc-Squared Energy Services, seconded by Alderman Preschlack. Carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

I. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CITY COUNCIL SUSTAINABILITY SURVEY RESULTS – Mike Strong, Assistant City Manager

Assistant City Manager, Mike Strong provided background regarding MIST Environment and the partnership with the City of Highland Park, to solicit professional services for sustainability projects and initiatives. In addition, he provided background regarding the aggregated data from the survey. Mr. Strong introduced Consultant, Mike Stopka, to provide additional information and analysis regarding the survey completed by the City Council. Mr. Stopka explained to the Committee the process of how the survey was conducted, and how specific items were prioritized. He described in depth each of the items on the survey, and how each category was ranked by the City Council. Mr. Stopka further provided recommendations for potential action, in conjunction with the survey results.

The Committee had lengthy discussion regarding the survey results, and top initiatives. Each member provided thoughts and feedback to move forward with specific initiatives.

The Committee came to a consensus on prioritizing four projects including a communications and marketing campaign on various sustainability initiatives, exploring rooftop solar on municipal

95 facilities, addressing ravine maintenance and management for
96 private home owners, and investigating greenhouse gas emissions
97 for the City.

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99 Chairman Rummel asked if there were any additional questions or
100 comments from the Committee on the initiatives.

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102 Seeing none, she moved to the next agenda item.

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104 **II. UPDATE ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS – Mike**
105 **Strong, Assistant City Manager**

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107 Assistant City Manager, Mike Strong, provided an update on
108 capital improvement projects including, the Ringwood Ravine
109 project, Old Elm Parking project, South Park parking lot project,
110 Seminary Ravine Study, Waveland Park parking lot, and the Natural
111 Area Management project. Mr. Strong further provided when the
112 project was approved by the City Council, and the percentage
113 completed.

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115 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

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

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122 **NEXT MEETING DATE(S)**

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125 **ADJOURNMENT**

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127 Alderman Preschlack moved to adjourn the meeting of the Environmental
128 Sustainability Committee at 8:32 P.M. seconded by Weber. The motion carried
129 unanimously by voice vote.

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131 Respectfully Submitted,
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133 Layla Werner
134 Management Analyst

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137 Reviewed by,
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139 Mike Strong
140 Assistant City Manager