

1 **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**
2 **Thursday, December 27, 2020 – 6:30 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. Alderman
8 Jed Morris was present. Alderman Jim Preschlack was absent

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10 Staff in attendance included Mike Strong, Assistant City Manager; Michael
11 Thomas, Director of Public Works; Dan Martin, Superintendent of Public Works;
12 Cathy Czerniak, Director of Community Development; Chuck Myers,
13 Superintendent of Parks, Forestry and Special Facilities; Robert Ells,
14 Superintendent of Engineering and Layla Werner, Administrative Intern.

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16 Also in attendance was Mark Pruitt, Consultant.

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18 There were approximately 2 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 Chairman Rummel introduced Michael Thomas, Director of Public Works to
29 present to the Committee on fleet electrification. Director Thomas gave a brief
30 overview of the attended webinar hosted by ComEd. He explained that specific
31 vehicles will be converted for fleet purposes to utilize renewable energy
32 resources within the next four years. Mr. Thomas stated his interest in pursuing
33 vehicles lie this for the City, if they are able to fulfill the level of service current
34 vehicles are able to conduct.

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36 The Committee thanked Director Thomas for sharing this information, with the
37 potential of adding vehicles like this to the City's fleet.

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39 Additionally, there was discussion about hybrid vehicles versus 100% electric
40 vehicles.

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42 **ACTION ITEMS**

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44 **I. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 26, 2020 MEETING MINUTES**

45 Alderman Morris moved to approve the October 26, 2020
46 Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting minutes subject to
47 changes shared with Layla Werner. Chairman Rummel seconded
48 the motion. The following voted "Aye": Chairman Rummel and

49 Alderman Morris. The following voted "Nay": None. 2-Ayes, 0 Nays,
50 motion carried.

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52 **II. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S PLAN OF**
53 **OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE FOR ITS ELECTRICITY**
54 **AGGREGATION PROGRAM – Presented by Mike Strong**

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56 Mike Strong, Assistant City Manager, gave a brief presentation
57 updating the Committee regarding Electrical Aggregation. He
58 gave the Committee a brief background on Municipal
59 Aggregation, when the program first began in 2012 and how
60 customers were able to benefit through reduced rates. Upon
61 ComEd costs becoming more competitive, the program was idled
62 in May 2017. He continued to explain the participation in a new
63 Aggregation program, which would still generate savings for
64 customers. Mr. Strong stated that at this time, 7% of the energy
65 supplied in the ComEd territory is from a renewable energy source,
66 with an overall 25% target by 2025.

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

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71 The Committee had lengthy discussion about customer rates, and
72 reimbursement of funds to the City.

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

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77 There was additional discussion regarding the timeline of the
78 project, and implementation.

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80 Chairman Rummel moved to recommend approval to the City
81 Council to Amend the City's Plan of Operation and Governance to
82 Facilitate the Exploration of an Electricity Aggregation Program.
83 Alderman Morris seconded the motion. The following voted "Aye":
84 Chairman Rummel and Alderman Morris. The following voted
85 "Nay": None. 2-Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

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

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

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96 **III. CONSIDERATION OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC RECYCLING**
97 **PARTNERSHIPS – Presented by Layla Werner**
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99 Mike Strong, Assistant City Manager introduce Layla Werner,
100 Administrative intern to provide background on a potential
101 partnership for a single-use plastic recycling campaign. Layla
102 Werner gave a brief presentation regarding opportunities to
103 partner with local retailers in Lake Forest, as designated drop-off
104 locations for residents. She further explained the partnership local
105 retailers have with the identified company Trex, who collect single-
106 use plastic bags which are ethically recycled for eco-friendly
107 composite decking alternatives. Staff has identified the initial
108 location as the Lake Forest Compost & Recycling Center to be a
109 collection site, which would be dropped off at Jewel-Osco.
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111 Chairman Rummel asked if there were any questions or comments
112 on this agenda item.
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114 The Committee had discussion regarding the potential of having
115 additional drop off locations.
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117 Alderman Morris moved to recommend approval to begin a single-
118 use plastic bag recycling campaign. Chairman Rummel seconded
119 the motion. The following voted "Aye": Chairman Rummel and
120 Alderman Morris. The following voted "Nay": None. 2-Ayes, 0 Nays,
121 motion carried.
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123 Chairman Rummel asked if there were any additional comments
124 from the Committee. Seeing none she asked if there were any
125 questions or comments from the public.
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127 Seeing none, she moved to the next agenda item.
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129 **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**
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131 **I. REVIEW OF SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES & PRIORITIES –**
132 **Presented by Mike Strong**
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134 Assistant City Manager, Mike Strong gave a brief overview of the
135 potential sustainability initiatives and priorities as developed by MIST
136 Environment and the Committee. Additionally, he updated the
137 Committee on the status of specific projects discussed at the
138 previous meeting. Mr. Strong explained the budgetary impacts of
139 future sustainability initiatives, as they correlated with the "grey to
140 green" infrastructure concept developed by the Committee. He
141 stated that this idea log would be attached in the monthly agenda
142 packet, to ensure the Committee can continually discuss potential
143 projects.

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The Committee discussed future projects, and potential timelines.

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)

Mike Strong stated the next meeting would be scheduled for the third week in January.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Morris moved to adjourn the meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Committee at 8:02 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