

1 **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**
2 **Wednesday, February 17, 2021 – 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. 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; 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; Jim Lockfeer, Management Analyst and Layla
15 Werner, Administrative Intern.

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17 There were approximately 16 members of the public that attended the meeting
18 remotely.

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20 Chairman Rummel made the following statement as required by the Open
21 Meetings Act. In accordance with state statute, Chairman Rummel has made a
22 determination that it was not practical or prudent to schedule an in-person
23 Committee meeting because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which is why this
24 February 17, 2021 Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting is being held
25 remotely.

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27 **ACTION ITEMS**

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29 **I. APPROVAL OF December 17, 2020 MEETING MINUTES**

30 Alderman Morris moved to approve the December 17, 2020
31 Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting minutes.
32 Alderman Preschlack seconded the motion. The following voted
33 "Aye": Chairman Rummel, Aldermen Morris and Preschlack. The
34 following voted "Nay": None. 3-Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

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36 **II. APPROACHES TO REGULATE THE USE OF COAL TAR-BASED**
37 **SEALANTS – Presented by Layla Werner**

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39 Layla Werner, Administrative intern gave a brief presentation
40 displaying potential options addressing the usage of coal tar-based
41 sealants in the community. She gave background on the current
42 educational materials available to community members, the
43 regulations in neighboring communities, and current practices in
44 Lake Forest. The Committee was presented with three strategies to
45 manage the use of coal tar-based sealants.

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47 The Committee had lengthy discussion regarding the potential
48 opportunities identified by staff.

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

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53 Laurie Rose offered comments to the Committee on behalf of the
54 League of Women Voters.

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56 Mary Mathews offered comments to the Committee.

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58 Elizabeth Joy Guscott-Muller offered comments to the Committee.

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

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63 Seeing none, Chairman Rummel asked if there were any additional
64 comments from the Committee.

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66 The Committee had discussion regarding additional information
67 requested to be brought back to the Committee at a later date.

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69 Chairman Rummel asked if there were any additional comments
70 from the Committee.

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

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74 **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

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77 **I. PREVIEW OF SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS INCLUDED IN FY2022**
78 **BUDGET RECOMMENDATION** – Introduced by Mike Strong, Assistant
79 City Manager

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81 Assistant City Manager, Mike Strong gave a brief overview of the
82 budgeting process specific to sustainability initiatives. He further
83 broke down the specific projects, and the MIST assessment scores
84 to justify the funding allocation for each initiative. Assistance City
85 Manager Strong introduced Superintendent of Parks, Forestry and
86 Special Facilities, Chuck Myers to further explain the impact to the
87 parks, forestry and cemetery operating budget. He discussed the
88 initial assessment understanding invasive species, seeding, and
89 other information needed, to determine additional funding for
90 these ongoing programs. Superintendent Myers explained the
91 partnership the City will have with Lake Forest Open Lands to
92 complete some of the work discussed.

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

96 The Committee had discussion regarding grass areas being
97 converted to include native plants.

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99 Assistant City Manager, Mike Strong introduced Management
100 Analyst, Jim Lockfeer to give a brief overview of the ravine
101 inventory and evaluation initiative. He explained how this initiative
102 is the preliminary step in the City's ravine management program.
103 The City will work with a college intern, majoring in engineering, to
104 take the inventory and evaluate the entire Lake Forest ravine
105 system. This will be the third time the City has conducted this
106 evaluation.

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108 The Committee had discussion regarding the challenges
109 discovered during this evaluation process.

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111 Superintendent of Public Works, Dan Martin gave a brief update to
112 the Committee regarding the City's recycling program. He
113 explained the impact to recycling trends due to COVID-19 stating
114 that volumes significantly increased including the cardboard from
115 shipping and delivery services. Superintendent Martin further
116 explained the volatility of the average annual monthly recycling
117 costs versus disposal costs and the history of the revenue and
118 recycling processing fees. He updated the Committee on the
119 current state of the recycling campaign, stating that due to
120 COVID-19 they were unable to do audits as frequently as
121 expected. Moreover, he explained future program initiatives, which
122 will begin to take place over the summer.

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

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127 The Committee discussed the excellent work conducted by the
128 department, during a challenging time.

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

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133 Mike Strong read a public comment regarding the social media
134 reach of the Rethink Recycling campaign.

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

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

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141 **II. UPDATE ON BEACH CLEANUP EVENT – Presented by Layla Werner,**
142 **Administrative Intern**

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144 Administrative Intern, Layla Werner gave a brief update to the
145 Committee regarding the organization if the Earth Day beach
146 clean-up event.

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148 The Committee discussed the educational opportunities this event
149 would bring for the Rethink Recycling campaign.

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151 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

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

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158 **NEXT MEETING DATE(S)**

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161 **ADJOURNMENT**

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163 Alderman Morris moved to adjourn the meeting of the Environmental
164 Sustainability Committee at 8:10 P.M. seconded by Preschlack. The motion
165 carried unanimously by voice vote.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Layla Werner
Administrative Intern

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Reviewed by,

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Mike Strong
Assistant City Manager

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