

**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday, May 20 – 7:00 P.M.**

**REMOTE ACCESS MEETING**

**AGENDA**

Please be advised that all of the Environmental Sustainability Committee members will be remotely attending this Committee meeting by electronic means, in compliance with Governor's Executive Order 2020-39, issued on May 29, 2020, that extended the suspension of certain Open Meetings Act provisions relating to in-person attendance by members of a public body. Specifically, the Governor's Order: (1) suspends the requirement in Section 2.01 that "members of a public body must be physically present;" and (2) suspends the limitations in Section 7 on when remote participation is allowed. This Executive Order is effective the duration of the current Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation. The City will be providing members of the public with various opportunities to watch or attend this meeting, as well as provide public comment at the meeting.

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**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

\_\_\_\_\_ Ald. Melanie Rummel, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ Ald. Jim Preschlack

\_\_\_\_\_ Ald. Eileen Weber

**II. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- a. NORTH BRANCH WATERSHED WORKGROUP ANNUAL MEETING RECAP –**  
Presented by Layla Werner, Management Analyst

**III. ACTION ITEMS**

- a. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 17, 2021 MEETING MINUTES**
- b. COMMITTEE WORK PLANNING DISCUSSION –** Introduced by Mike Strong,  
Assistant City Manager

**IV. ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

- a. UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION PROGRAM –** Presented  
by Mike Strong, Assistant City Manager
- b. FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE DISCUSSION**

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**VI. NEXT MEETING DATE(S)**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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 Lockefer 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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**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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