

1 **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**
2 **Wednesday, January 19, 2022 – 5:15 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 5:15 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; Dan Martin, Superintendent of
12 Public Works; Chuck Myers, Superintendent of Parks and Forestry; and Layla
13 Werner, Management Analyst

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15 There were approximately 2 members of the public that attended the meeting
16 remotely.

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18 Chairman Rummel made the following statement as required by the Open
19 Meetings Act. In accordance with state statute, Chairman Rummel has made a
20 determination that it was not practical or prudent to schedule an in-person
21 Committee meeting because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which is why this
22 January 19, 2022, Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting is being held
23 remotely.

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25 **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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27 **I. UPDATE ON GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR LAKE FRONT AT FOREST PARK BEACH**
28 – Mike Strong, Assistant City Manager

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30 Assistant City Manager, Mike Strong, provided a brief update regarding
31 the grant opportunity at Forest Park Beach. He explained that the State
32 Department of Natural Resources contacted the City encouraging staff
33 submit an application for a lakefront trash skimmer. Mr. Strong explained
34 the benefits to having the trash skimmer including collecting plastic in the
35 water and skimming oil sheen produced by boat activity.

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

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40 The Committee thanked staff for working on this initiative.

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42 Chairman Rummel asked if there were any additional questions or
43 comments from members of the public.

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45 Seeing none, she moved to the next agenda item.
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49 **II. UPDATE ON NEW SOLAR GENERATION FACILITIES PROJECT** – Mike Strong,
50 Assistant City Manager

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52 Assistant City Manager, Mike Strong, provided a quick information update
53 to the committee regarding the RFP for the installation of solar panels on
54 City facilities. Mr. Strong explained the process including the site visits and
55 how to move forward with the bidding process. He stated that the final
56 bid will be due Wednesday, February 2nd, and that internal staff would
57 review the results and present them to the Committee.

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59 The Committee asked clarifying questions regarding grant funding for the
60 project and other funds to offset the cost of the project.

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

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65 Seeing none, Chairman Rummel asked if there were any questions or
66 comments from members of the public.

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

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70 **ACTION ITEMS**

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72 **I. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 9, 2021, MEETING MINUTES**
73 Alderman Weber moved to approve the December 9, 2021,
74 Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting minutes subject to
75 changes discussed by the Committee. Alderman Preschlack seconded
76 the motion. The following voted "Aye": Chairman Rummel, Aldermen
77 Preschlack and Weber. The following voted "Nay": None. 3-Ayes, 0 Nays,
78 motion carried.

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80 **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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82 **I. DISCUSSION ON FUTURE SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES & PRIORITIES –**
83 Alderman Rummel, Chairman

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85 Alderman Rummel provided background regarding the process to
86 identify the various sustainable initiatives and priorities. She further
87 explained the specific way the items were categorized.

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89 Assistant City Manager, Mike Strong, provided further detail including the
90 summary survey data conducted last spring, the reorganization of the
91 priorities and initiatives, and the use of incentives and engagement versus
92 utilizing bans. Mr. Strong further explained various initiatives that have
93 been endorsed by the full City Council that are in process, and the strong
94 alignment between the City Council and staff on the initiatives presented.

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96 The Committee had lengthy discussion, focusing on the initiatives
97 recommended to be brought forward by City staff. Items discussed
98 included the Greenhouse Gas Emissions project and composting.
99 Each Committee member provided their thoughts on the initiatives
100 presented. Additionally, the Committee had discussion regarding top
101 initiatives identified to move forward with discussion.

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103 Assistant City Manager, Mike Strong provided additional background
104 regarding projects and initiatives and the reasoning behind how they
105 were ranked. He provided further clarification to the Committee stating
106 that items could be moved around on the list if the Committee felt it was
107 necessary.

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109 The Committee had lengthy discussion, prioritizing the various staff
110 recommendations in each sustainability category, and the tiered structure
111 from the survey.

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

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116 Seeing none, Chairman Rummel asked if there were any questions or
117 comments from members of the public.

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

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121 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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123 Chairman Rummel asked if there were any public comments on any non-
124 agenda items.

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

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128 **NEXT MEETING DATE(S)**

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130 Assistant City Manager, Mike Strong stated that the next meeting would be
131 scheduled for February 2022.

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133 **ADJOURNMENT**

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135 Alderman Preschlack moved to adjourn the meeting of the Environmental
136 Sustainability Committee at 6:32 P.M. seconded by Weber. The motion carried
137 unanimously by voice vote.

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139 Respectfully Submitted,

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141 Layla Werner
142 Management Analyst

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Environmental Sustainability Committee Minutes
Tuesday, January 19, 2022

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Reviewed by,

Mike Strong
Assistant City Manager