

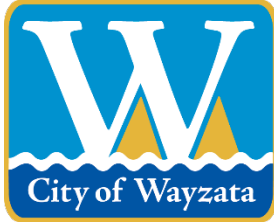
## ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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**5:00 – 6:30 PM**

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3. Approve May 25, 2021 Minutes
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5. EV Charging Infrastructure Update
6. Update on Business Energy Savings Campaign formal launch August, 2021 – Co leads are: Polly, KC, and Councilmember Buchanan
7. Update on EV Event “Plug it In Wayzata” – Co leads are: Amy, Lauren, Kathy, Lily
8. Zoning Design Standards
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10. Update on Municipal Strategy – Co Leads are: KC, Amy, and Polly
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Representatives from Blue Horizon Energy will give a presentation on the opportunities for the City to explore solar energy on municipal buildings/property. The Committee will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the presentation with Blue Horizon Energy. More information on Blue Horizon can be found on their website, <http://www.new.bluehorizonenergy.com/>.

- 5. EV Charging Infrastructure Update**

Attached to the packet is a preliminary site plan that was approved by the City Council that shows the infrastructure for eight EV charging stations. Chair Andersen will also provide an update on the research that has and will be conducted.

- 6. Update on Business Energy Savings Campaign formal launch August, 2021 – Co leads are: Polly, KC, and Councilmember Buchanan**

The co-leaders for the Business Energy Savings Campaign will give an update on this item.

- 7. Update on EV Event “Plug it In Wayzata” – Co leads are: Amy, Lauren, Kathy, Lily**

The co-leaders for the EV Event will give an update on this item.

- 8. Zoning Design Standards**

The Committee can discuss the recent approval of the Design Standards and the future work that came out of this review.

- 9. Update on Multi-Family Strategy – Co leads are: Polly and Lauren**

The co-leaders for the Multi-Family Strategy will give an update on this item.

**10. Update on Municipal Strategy – Co Leads are: KC, Amy, and Polly**

Staff and the co-leaders for the Municipal Strategy will give an update on this item.

**11. GreenStep Cities Resolution and Plan for Adoption**

Attached to the packet is a draft Resolution to allow the City of Wayzata to join GreenStep Cities. The Committee can discuss this Resolution and consider recommending approval of the Resolution to the City Council.

**12. Tree Preservation Ordinance Review**

Staff will provide an update on the Tree Preservation Ordinance review. A community meeting that will be attended by the consulting arborist is scheduled for July 12, 2021. This would be the first meeting to review the current Ordinance, receive the community concerns, and propose any changes. Future community meetings will be held and additional community engagement such as a survey will be implemented.

**13. Provide Additional Updates on Energy Action Plan**

The Committee can provide any additional updates regarding the Energy Action Plan.

**14. Lectures, Workshops, and Webinars**

The Committee can summarize any previous lectures, workshops, or webinars that they attended or state any future events.

**15. Next Meeting Tuesday, July 27**

**16. Adjournment**

# ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

5:00 – 6:30 PM

### 1. Roll Call

Meeting was held via Zoom.

Committee attendees included: Polly Andersen, Kathy Jones, Amy Stielow, Lauren Leith, and Bajetti.

City Council representation: Jeffrey Buchanan

Wayzata city staff member: Nick Kieser

Student member attendee: Lily Nothom

### 2. Approve Agenda

Committee voted to approve the agenda with the addition to discuss the Residential Energy Savings Campaign. Additional clarification was noted on the Plug It In Wayzata EV Event.

### 3. Approve April 27, 2021 Minutes

Vote passed unanimously with no changes.

### 4. Tree Preservation Memo dated March 25, 2021

Chair Andersen asked for comments on the tree memo that was attached to the packet. Jones stated that the point of requiring and encouraging more native plants is very important.

Councilmember Buchanan gave a brief background of the current Tree Ordinance and the process/schedule for the review process.

Staff member Kieser gave additional information on the proposed process and that Staff has been in contact with our consulting arborist on how to approach this topic.

Committee member Chermak added that there should be more information included around invasive species, the impact of climate change, and that the UMN has great resources to utilize during the review.

Committee discussed various ideas about what the Ordinance should cover. For example, should dead/fallen trees be replaced or stay for habitat, etc.

The memo was noted to stay in the minutes and used in reference as the City moves through the review process.

## **5. Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure**

The Committee noted that the new public surface parking lot does have a number of spaces designated as EV charging stations and that GreenStep Cities would be a good resource to look at for information on EV charging stations.

Committee discussed how to educate people where to get access to EV charging stations. Chair Andersen noted that there is an app that is helpful to determine where the charging stations are.

## **6. City Building Moratorium**

Councilmember Buchanan gave a brief background on the past proposed building moratorium. Buchanan noted that the Council has the tools in place now to deny any developments that are not right for the City.

The Committee noted that the Zoning Study is taking place now, but it will take time to implement all changes proposed and the Tree Preservation Ordinance is the next major item.

## **7. Update on Business Energy Savings Campaign – Formal Launch August, 2021**

Committee members Buchanan, Chermak, and Andersen are the co-leaders for this campaign. Currently, materials are being created now to conduct outreach and to educate businesses. Direct outreach to the businesses is planned as a part of this campaign once the materials are created.

## **8. Update on EV Event “Plug It In Wayzata”**

Committee member Jones is continuing to work with the partners on various changes to the events. Fresh Energy is helping to create the flyer for this event. Noted specific numbers of EV charging stations and EV vehicles in Minnesota and the goal is to grow the use of EVs.

Staff will work with Committee member Stiener to get in contact with the Chamber of Commerce.

Noted that the event will follow the State COVID guidelines.

## **9. Proposed Design Standards – June 1, City Council Meeting**

Everyone is encouraged to comment on the proposed Design Standards that are going to the next City Council meeting. Some of the items to comment on are EV, renewable energy, habitat friendly lighting, and native plantings.

## **10. Update on Multi-Family Strategy – Formal Launch July, 2021**

Staff, CEE, and the co-leaders for the multi-family strategy are meeting to discuss the outreach potential for this item. A calendar is being created to guide the outreach work for this item.

Staff noted that a mailing list is being worked on for specific unit numbers in apartments.

## **11. Go Green Club Update & Student Garden Collaboration**

Student member Bajetti is working to transition the work to the next year of students. With COVID restrictions there was a lot restrictions on what could be done this last year. There are many new opportunities being planned for next year.

Noted that a solar boat race occurred last weekend. It was also noted that the Club has been working towards implementing LED lighting in the schools.

## **12. Native Plants / Pollinator Update**

Committee members Leith and Jones met via Zoom to discuss various opportunities. There is potential to combine Committee work with earth day, endangered species day, national pollinator week. Topics were brought up regarding; native plants and pollinators, native plant sale, and pesticide use.

Committee discussed different webinars opportunities. Discussed potential speakers and if any Committee members have ideas.

Committee discussed that community education classes are around \$10-20. Would already be advertised in Wayzata community ed. Would have to be submitted or planned by January.

Any ideas or preferences from the Committee on the different ideas can be sent to Jones and Leith.

## **13. Update on GreenStep Cities**

Motion was approved unanimously to have Staff review and create a draft Resolution for GreenStep Cities and bring forward the Resolution to the next E&E meeting for consideration to bring the Resolution forward to the City Council.

## **14. Provide Additional Updates on Energy Action Plan**

Committee member Jones gave an update for additional resources outside of the Xcel Energy programs and to educate the community on the different possibilities.

## **15. Transition Student Members from Bajetti to Nothom**

Staff noted that work will be conducted to get Council approval of the transition from student member Bajetti to Lily Nothom.

## **16. Solar Discussion**

The Committee agreed that Blue Horizon Energy should come to the next E&E Committee meeting to give a presentation on the possibility of solar energy on municipal buildings.

## **17. Next Meeting – June 22, 2021**

## **18. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.



**RESOLUTION NO. XX-2021****RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WAYZATA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MINNESOTA GREENSTEP CITIES PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, The GreenStep Cities program aims to provide Minnesota cities a clear pathway to greater sustainability and resiliency based upon implementing best practices specific to Minnesota cities of differing sizes and capabilities. Due to the multiple environmental, economic and social dimensions of the best practices, leadership from the city council is needed to oversee their implementation and integration with other city and community activities and with other governmental jurisdictions (such as surrounding townships) as appropriate; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a voluntary challenge, assistance and recognition program to help cities achieve their sustainability and quality-of-life goals. GreenStep is a free, continuous improvement program, managed by a State agency-non-profit partnership, and based upon 29 best practices. Each best practice can be implemented by completing one or more actions at a 1, 2 or 3-star level, from a list of four to eight actions. These actions are tailored to all Minnesota cities, focus on cost savings and energy use reduction, and encourage civic innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments have the unique opportunity to achieve both energy use and greenhouse gas reductions and cost savings through building and facilities management; land use and transportation planning; environmental management; and through economic and community development; and

**WHEREAS**, efforts to address energy and climate issues provide an opportunity to move toward energy self-reliance and greater community resiliency and quality of life; provide environmentally healthy and cheaper-to-operate public buildings; encourage new economic development and local jobs; and support local food and renewable energy production; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Wayzata has adopted the Energy Action Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wayzata's 2040 Vision Statement articulates:

*Wayzata is a forward-thinking lakeside community that is socially connected, charming, walkable, and pedestrian friendly. A multi-generational community with healthy, engaged, and active residents. A community that is in the forefront of sustainability, with a healthy environment, vibrant parks, and enticing City spaces. It is a proud steward of its premier natural asset; Lake Minnetonka; and*

**WHEREAS**, the vision statement for the Energy and Environment Committee is as follows:  
*The purpose of the Energy and Environment Committee is to conduct research and provide recommendations to the City Council concerning energy and environmental issues and initiatives confronting the City based on research and collaboration with City staff. Under direction from the City Council, the Committee shall work to protect and preserve the ecological resources of the community so that they are in balance with the economic, recreational, and historic resources of our land and Lake Minnetonka for generations to come.*



**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Wayzata does hereby authorize the City of Wayzata (the City) to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program that offers a free, voluntary continuous improvement framework. Passage of this participation resolution allows the City to be recognized as a Step One GreenStep City by the League of Minnesota Cities. Be it further resolved that the City:

1. Appoints Nick Kieser, Assistant Planner, to serve as the City's GreenStep coordinator for best practice documentation/implementation and the Energy and Environment Committee to act as the GreenStep Coordination Team; and
2. Will facilitate the involvement of community members and other units of government as appropriate such as; the City Council, Planning Commission, Parks and Trails Board, Heritage Preservation Board, and Energy and Environment Committee in the planning, promoting and/or implementing of GreenStep Cities best practices; and
3. Grants to the GreenStep program staff review access to the City's B3 Benchmarking Database so as to facilitate analysis and cost-saving technical assistance to the City regarding its buildings' energy use; and
4. Will provide feedback once a year on how well the GreenStep program is serving the city and on city needs from the program; and
5. Will claim credit for having implemented and will work at its own pace toward implementing any *[4, 6 or 8, depending on your city category of C, B or A]* GreenStep best practices that will result in energy use reduction, economic savings, quality of life improvement, reduction in the City's greenhouse gas footprint, and recognition by the League of Minnesota Cities as a Step Two GreenStep City. An on-going summary of the City's implementation of best practices will be posted by the City on the Minnesota GreenStep Cities web site.

**I CERTIFY THAT** the above resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Wayzata on XX.

Adopted by the Wayzata City Council this XX.

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Mayor Johanna Mouton

ATTEST:

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City Manager Jeffrey Dahl

**ACTION ON THIS RESOLUTION:**

Motion for adoption:  
Seconded by:  
Voted in favor of:  
Voted against:  
Abstained:  
Absent:  
Resolution adopted.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Wayzata, Minnesota, at a duly authorized meeting held on XX.

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Kathy Leervig, City Clerk  
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