



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING

January 13, 2026

6:00 PM

Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Ave N.E.

MINUTES

Call to Order

Chair Klemz called the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission to order at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Aaron Klemz
 Sam Stoxen
 Emma Carter
 Mark Hansen
 Avonna Starck
 Justin Foell
 Dustin Norman

Absent:

Others Present: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner
 Wally Wysopal, City Manager
 Jim Kosluchar, Director of Public Works
 Brandon Brodhag, Assistant City Engineer
 Patrick Faber, Deputy Director of Police
 Owen Lanrud, Communications Specialist
 Aaron Bartling, Bolton and Menk
 Patrick Vescio, Councilmember-At-Large
 Luke Cardona, Councilmember Ward 1
 Ryan Evanson, Councilmember Ward 2
 Ann Bolkcom, Councilmember Ward 3

Approval of Agenda

Motion Starck by Commissioner to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Norman. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of October 14, 2025 Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioners noted a misspelling of Commissioner Carter's last name. Motion by Commissioner Foell to approve the October 14, 2025 meeting minutes with the spelling corrected. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

2. Streets for All Action Plan

Ms. Workin introduced the Streets for All process which will result in a new roadway safety action plan as part of the Safe Streets for All Program as well as updates to the City's Active Transportation Plan. Aaron Bartling with Bolton and Menk guided the group through a discussion about the project and gathered commissioner's feedback on data needs and goals for the program.

3. Winter Salt Week Proclamation

Ms. Workin said that each year communities across the midwest hold a Winter Salt Week to acknowledge the environmental harm caused by oversalting and share strategies to reduce chloride pollution. Last year, the EQEC recommended the Council issue a proclamation recognizing Winter Salt Week. This year, Winter Salt Week will be held the week of January 26th. Ms. Workin shared a draft proclamation

Motion by Commissioner Foell to approve the draft proclamation language and recommend that the City Council recognize January 26-30 as Winter Salt Week. Seconded by Commissioner Norman. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

4. Energy Action Plan Updates

Ms. Workin said that the solar installation at Moore Lake was live as was the EV Charger. She said that the Public Works array will be live soon. The City will be promoting energy programs at the Homeowner Open House on February 12.

5. Grant Updates

Ms. Workin said that the City received an additional forestry grant.

1. Outreach and Event Updates

Ms. Workin said that the Sustainable Fridley Awards were a success. Upcoming events are included in the packet.

Other Items

2. Informal Status Reports

Commissioner Klemz shared that he met with staff and councilmembers to discuss the lift station project.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Stoxen to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Foell. The Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Workin
Environmental Planner