



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING

February 7, 2023

7:00 PM

Fireside Room, Fridley Civic Campus

MINUTES

Call to Order

CHAIR Dritz called the commission to order at 7:01 PM

Present

Amy Dritz
Sam Stoxen
Nick Olberding
Mark Hansen
Justin Foell
Heidi Ferris
Aaron Klemz
Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Commissioner Olberding to APPROVE the February 7, 2023 meeting agenda. SECONDED by Commissioner Foell. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of the January 10, 2023 Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION by Commissioner Foell to APPROVE the January 10, 2023 meeting minutes. SECONDED by Commissioner Olberding. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

New Business

2. Recodification of Chapter 113 Solid Waste Disposal, Organics, Yard Waste, and Recycling Collection to Chapter 310 Solid Waste, Organics, Yard Waste, and Recycling Collection

Ms. Workin shared proposed updates to Chapter 113 as part of the recodification process. Commissioners recommended maintaining the licensure for construction debris due to potential updates to require increased recycling of construction debris material and a desire to understand the amount and destination of this waste stream. Commissioners also recommended reducing the number of Residential Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Licenses from 4 to 3 to balance the increased public benefit of reduced garbage trucks on the street while still maintaining the spirit of an open hauling system.

MOTION by Commissioner Klemz to APPROVE the proposed changes to Chapter 113 with the following exceptions:

- 1) Maintain the license classification for construction debris
- 2) Reduce the number of Residential Mixed Municipal Solid Waste licenses from 4 to 3

SECONDED by Commissioner Foell. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

3. Recodification of Chapter 104 Tree Management to Chapter 319 Tree Management

MOTION by Commissioner Dritz to TABLE this item SECONDED by Commissioner Olberding. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

4. Recodification of Chapter 105 Landscape Maintenance to Chapter 304 Landscape Maintenance

MOTION by Commissioner Dritz to TABLE this item SECONDED by Commissioner Olberding. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Old Business

5. Grant Updates

Ms. Workin shared that the City was planning to apply for an MPCA Level 2 Charging Grant Station for Moore Lake Park as well as another DNR Emerald Ash Borer grant.

6. Event and Outreach updates

Ms. Workin shared that she would be presenting at North Park School for Innovation.

7. Energy Action Plan updates

Ms. Workin shared that the City officially received bronze designation through the SolSmart program which will be presented to the City Council on February 27. She also said that the WindUp Challenge will be starting on March 1. Ms. Workin invited the commissioners to the HRA open house tomorrow.

Other Items

8. Informal Status Reports

Commissioner Dritz provided updates on Planning Commission meetings.

Ms. Workin asked if any Commissioners would be interested in attending the Rice Creek resiliency trainings.

Adjournment

MOTION by Commissioner Hansen to adjourn the meeting SECONDED by Commissioner Stoxen. The MOTION PASSED unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.