

**ROSEMOUNT ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 8, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Environment and Sustainability Commission was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 6:00 PM in the Rosemount Council Chambers, 2875 145th Street West.

Chairperson Springer called the meeting to order with Commissioners Burman and Andrews.

Staff present included the following: Stormwater Specialist Jane Byron, Recording Secretary Amy Simonson. City Engineer Brian Erickson was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Burman Second by Andrews

Motion to approve the agenda.

Ayes: 3.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3.a. Approval of the August 19, 2024, Environment & Sustainability Commission Work Session Minutes

Motion by Andrews Second by Springer

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2024, Work Session meeting.

Ayes: 3.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

3.b. Approval of the August 19, 2024, Environment & Sustainability Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Andrews Second by Burman

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2024, regular meeting.

Ayes: 3.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

5.a. Work Plan Updates

Specialist Byron indicated work plan items that were rescheduled. She noted that the city recently completed its annual public comment period for the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), a requirement of the EPA and MPCA aimed at addressing stormwater pollution. The

SWPPP remains available on the city's website for ongoing public review, and residents can submit feedback at any time.

Commissioner Burman provided an update on the Dakota County Solid Waste Plan highlighting the new areas of emphasis which include waste reduction and reuse, construction material reuse and recycling, tree waste management (due to EAB), and organics/food scrap management. Two rounds of public engagement were conducted and resulted in recommended changes to the plan. Noted changes in the plan include:

- Curbside organics by 2030
- The state is requiring pre-processing at landfills
- The County will not mandate organized collection, leaving it to cities to decide, while providing resources to support local decisions.

There are no updates on the Sustainable Purchasing Policy as staff are currently focused on 2025 budget planning.

5.b. Education and Outreach Activities

Commissioners discussed upcoming topics and assignments for November and December blog posts.

NEW BUSINESS

6.a. Annual Goals Review and Update

Commissioners discussed the possibility of integrating the review of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) into the commission's annual goals. They also reviewed changes to some of the language in the goals document and considered removing certain items due to capacity limitations. A draft of the updates and revisions will be presented at the December regular meeting for review and potential approval.

Motion by Andrews Second by Springer

Motion to add discussion of the SWPPP to the December meeting agenda

Ayes: 3.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

6.b. Climate Action Plan Options

Specialist Byron presented an overview of research on climate action plans and shared a table containing links to similar plans from various cities across Minnesota. Commissioners are encouraged to review the compiled resources and will discuss them at the December regular meeting to assess whether they have the capacity to develop a plan and propose a budget to City Council for consideration in the 2026 budget.

Motion by Andrews Second by Burman

Motion to add revisit discussion on a climate action plan at the December regular meeting.

Ayes: 3.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike McMenemy addressed the commission regarding concerns he has about future development of the McMenemy properties located along Bacardi and Bonaire, near the Bella Vista, Caramore Crossings, and Meadow Ridge developments. He highlighted the presence of a significant population of monarch butterflies that use the area as habitat and urged the city to take action to protect and enhance this habitat as the area develops. McMenemy has already engaged with other agencies, including Dakota County, on this matter. Currently, the property remains in probate with no immediate plans for sale or development. Specialist Byron will forward these comments to the Community Development department for consideration when a development submission for the property is received in the future.

STAFF REPORT

8.a. Set Next Meeting Agenda for December 10, 2024

- i. Review and Discuss Comments on SWPPP
- ii. Revisit Discussions on Development of a Climate Action Plan

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Environment and Sustainability Commission at the regular meeting and upon a motion by Springer and a second by Andrews, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Simonson

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Recording Secretary