

ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof the meeting of the Environmental & Sustainability Commission of the City of Rosemount was called to order on May 19, 2020, at 5:34 p.m. via Zoom.

Attendees included: Commissioners Renee Burman, Katie Koch-Laveen, Victoria Schlautman, Karen Malkowski, Nathan Marks, Kristen Andrews, and Kim Ciresi.

Staff present included the following;

- Mayor Droste, Public Works Director Erickson and Stormwater Specialist Byron.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

ANNUAL MEETING

3.a. Issuance of Oath – Kristen Andrews & Kim Ciresi

Mayor Droste performed the swearing in of new commissioners.

3.b. Election of Commission Officers

Commissioner Burman nominated Karen Malkowski for the President of the commission.

Motion by Burman **Second** by Koch-Laveen

Motion to elect Karen Malkowski as President of the Environmental & Sustainability Commission.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Malkowski nominated Nathan Marks for the Vice President of the commission.

Motion by Malkowski **Second** by Burman

Motion to elect Nathan Marks as Vice President of the Environmental & Sustainability Commission.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Koch-Laveen, **Second** by Malkowski

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2020 Environmental & Sustainability Commission meeting.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

OLD BUSINESS

6.a. Energy Action Plan

Public Works Director Erickson provided a brief update to the commissioners. Staff is working on internal energy projects within City facilities.

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Commissioners discussed Centerpoint's energy audit program and how the commission can promote it. Public Works Director Erickson explained that promotional material can be sent to the Communications Coordinator.

6.b. Status of Green Step Cities

Stormwater Specialist Byron provided a brief overview on the report that was received on where Rosemount is ranked within program. Rosemount is currently ranked at Step 2. There are several simple actions that the City could do to achieve the third step.

6.c. Bylaws

Public Works Director Erickson briefly explained the commission's bylaws.

Motion by Malkowski, **Second** by Koch-Laveen

Motion to adopt the bylaws for the Environmental & Sustainability Commission.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

6.d. Commission Meeting Schedule Discussion

Stormwater Specialist Byron explained to the commissioners to possible schedule conflicts that the current schedule of meetings creates for staff.

Commissioners and staff decided to keep the schedule of meetings as is.

NEW BUSINESS

7.a. Goal Setting 2020 Discussion

Public Works Director Erickson discussed the options for having a goal setting session. Typically, these meetings are held in February or March.

Commissioners agreed to have the goal setting meeting when in-person meetings start.

7.b. Status of Conserve & Preserve Blog

Stormwater Specialist Byron updated the commission on the status of the blog and asked the commissioners whether they would like to see the blog continue.

Commissioner Burman expressed interest in keeping the blog going. Public Works Director Erickson explained it would be helpful if commissioners provided topics and materials to be posted by staff on the blog.

Commissioner Burman planned to compile a topics calendar that the commission will discuss at the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

8.a. Chris Watson Resignation

Public Works Director/City Engineer Erickson provided a brief overview on staff updates.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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9.a. Set Next Meeting Agenda for June 16, 2020

Commissioner Burman requested the following items be added to the next agenda:

- Calendar of Topics for the Conserve and Preserve Blog
- Goal Setting (if meeting is in-person)

9.b. City Response to COVID 19 and Community Events

Staff provided an update on events and how the City will carry out business.

9.c. COVID 19 Regulatory Flexibility Requests for Air Permits with MPCA

Public Works Director/City Engineer Erickson explained that concerns have been expressed to staff about some industries in town have received regulatory relief on air quality standards due to COVID 19. Stormwater Specialist Byron investigated into the MPCA and industries are only receiving relief on their annual reporting deadlines.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Burman adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Paque
Recording Secretary