



Eugene Sustainability Commission

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Atrium, Saul Room
Eugene, Oregon

November 14, 2018
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Kelsey Zlevor, Greg Ringer, Howard Saxion, Thomas Price, Ralph McDonald, Sue Wolling, Zach Mulholland, Councilor Emily Semple, Chelsea Clinton-staff, and Mark Nystrom - staff

ABSENT: Jon Kloor, Kevin O'Brien, Doug Edwards, Art Farley, Jennifer Hayward

Opening

- Chair Zlevor called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM
- Mark Nystrom was acknowledged, he will be filling in as staff during Chelsea's absence.
- Agenda Review. Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Mulholland. Approved unanimously.
- Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the Octobers Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Mulholland. Approved 10-0-1. Commissioner Zlevor abstained.

Public Comment

Deb McGee from 350 Eugene proposal discussed the absorption of heat by the oceans. She also discussed the Northwest Gas report about expanding natural gas markets. Deb said that we needed to electrify all and stop using natural gas.

Shasha Lee, independent film maker discussed how she is inspired by the sustainability culture in Eugene. She is in the research phase of a documentary she is working on.

Linda Kelly from 350 Eugene presented a draft proposal on community outreach on climate recovery ordinance. She read from the proposal and is going to send the proposal to the Commission. 350 Eugene would like to use the Sustainability Commission as a pilot audience. She proposes offering the public three presentations of an hour and a half. The presentations include an overview of CRO, areas where the emission reductions are possible, and tabling to help.

Mark Robinowitz discussed the destruction of Paradise, CA. He discussed the low rainfall totals and how the fire season will be much worse next year. He suggested several policy suggestions to fix that including banning fireworks for next summer as soon as possible. He went on to discuss energy conservation measures and suggested that the City of Eugene get serious about Climate Change.

Public Comment Response from Commissioners

Commissioner Saxion mentioned that the *Nature* study on heat absorption in the oceans had to retract some of their findings and agreed with Mr Robinowitz that Eugene should ban fireworks.

Commissioner McDonald stated his appreciation for the outreach suggestions and his preference for using the neighborhood committees. He also suggested some changes that would reduce the risk of urban fires.

Chair Zlevor stated her appreciation for the outreach proposal and looks forward to reading the proposal.

Natural Gas Committee Proposal

- Commissioner Mulholland provided the background on the NW Natural Franchise Agreement. He walked the Commission through the “Northwest Natural Franchise Agreement.” Please see the attached document for a full text of the agreement.

Motion

Commissioner Price moved to approve the proposal and send it to City Council and follow the standard procedures of a proposal. Seconded by Commissioner Saxion.

Discussion

There was a robust discussion regarding the need for this document and a reminder to keep social equity in mind as the Commission moves forward. This led to two conclusions:

- Councilor Semple suggested that the Commission include an introductory paragraph.
- Chelsea asked for bullet points for an introductory paragraph (order below is based on suggestions, not how it should be written.) This has been suggested for a friendly amendment and Commissioner Price and Saxion (1st and 2nd) agreed.
 - Response to the Mayor and City Manager’s meeting with the Chair and Vice Chair.
 - From the Sustainability Commission of what we would like in the Franchise Agreement

Commissioner Price’s motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

New Committee Proposals

Transportation System Plan Implementation Strategy Committee Proposal

- Commissioner Saxion summarized the proposal. Please see the second attached document, “Proposal to Create Sustainability Commission Committee on Transportation System Plan (TSP) Implementation Strategy”.

Motion

Commissioner Price moved to approve the proposal. Seconded by Commissioner McDonald. Approved unanimously (8-0).

Committee Details:

- Chair: Commissioner Saxion
- Members: Commissioners Price, Saxion, Mulholland, and Wolling
- Meetings: Would start up quickly, a minimum of four meetings with recommendations for the January Commission meeting.

Natural Gas Committee

- Commissioner Mulholland described the proposal and stated that he is the chair. They are meeting on Friday, November 16th to debrief the Council discussion. They created the *NW Natural Franchise Agreement* proposal that was described in the discussion above. The Outreach plan includes sending the proposal to the Council and Commissioner Saxion will mention the proposal to Council on November 19th. Chelsea reminded the subcommittee should look at TBL analysis.

Break

Council/Councilor Relationship Discussion

- Chelsea facilitated a discussion about the Council/Commission relationship which is part of the 2019 Work Plan. Chelsea started by reading the suggestions from the Commission's retreat.
- Councilor Semple highlighted Commissioner Mulholland's one-on-one conversations with Councilors in the past week, preparing them for the NW Natural Franchise agreement. This led to a discussion about how to emulate this kind of effort in the future. There was also a discussion of including NGO "allies" in the outreach efforts.
- Take Away actions for committee proposal
 - Include a Council Outreach Strategy for each proposals
 - Include a list of allies/stakeholders—groups we've heard from and should reach out to.

Work Plan Review

Chelsea led a facilitated discussion of the Commission's Work Plan. Updates include:

1. City Council Engagement—it was agreed that this part should be reviewed mid-year. This will be added to the February 2019 agenda.
2. Climate Change Policy—The following Commissioners agreed to be responsible for the following policy groups:
 - a. CAP2.0—Commissioner Price
 - b. Waste Reduction Policy—Commissioner McDonald
 - c. Transportation System Plan Implementation—Commissioner Saxion
3. Monitor—The following Commissioners agreed to be responsible for the following policy groups
 - a. Envision Eugene—Commissioner Saxion and Commissioner Price
 - b. Housing—Commissioner Wolling and Commissioner Saxion

Council update

Councilor Semple mentioned the following topics:

- NW Natural—Covered above
- EWEB Headquarters—City will pursue purchasing the EWEB Headquarters but it will not be used for City Hall
- On November 28th at Council—Recycling Update
- Homelessness—County Commissioners chose to move the dusk-dawn camp on Hwy 99 and the City agreed to fund. They are continuing to work on a day site. The County closed the butterfly lot to those suffering from homelessness. They fenced off the area today and moved everyone out.

Updates from Commissioners and Staff

Chelsea—Updated the Commission on the CAP2.0 outreach and the Large Lever Shareholders meetings. She briefly discussed the results of Good Company's analysis. Staff is putting together some suggestions for closing the gap in the ghg emissions. Chelsea suggested that the Commission propose a committee to review the draft CAP2.0.

Chelsea suggested that a committee be formed to update the working agreements. Chair Zlevor will work on it with Commissioner Edwards.

Commissioner McDonald stated that the food waste committee had some scheduling issues and is planning on meeting in early December. The single use plastics proposal will have a work session. The Citizens for Responsible Use of Plastics met with the Mayor.

Vice Chair Wolling stated that the plastics proposal was introduced at Council last night. She mentioned that the LLS meetings data was shocking—how far we need to go. There was a request that the Commission get an update from Josh Proudfoot from Good Company.

Chair Zlevor stated that Commissioner Saxion will present the Commission Work Plan at the November 19th Council Meeting.

Commissioner Mulholland is still waiting for a home energy score presentation and he is investigating EV ready policies.

Commissioner Price provided an update on homeless issues.

Adjourned 8:01pm

Recorded by Mark Nystrom