

# Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 15, 2020 - 5:30 p.m.

Saul Room, Atrium Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

99 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., Eugene

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**In attendance:** Chair-Kelsey Zlevor, Vice-Chair- Zach Mulholland, Howard Saxion, Ralph McDonald, Art Farley, Laura Allen, Louisa de Heer, Julia Johnson, Greg Ringer, Doug Edwards, and Councilor Emily Semple

**Staff:** Chelsea Clinton

**Absent:** Jon Kloor, Kevin O'Brien

Call to Order: 5:32pm

Chair Zlevor called the meeting to order. Chris Raimy from the Planning Commission was in attendance. Juan Serpa Munoz and Jeannine Parisi were present from EWEB. Brooke Freed, the new City Manager's Office Director, was also in attendance.

## **Action Item: Approve Agenda**

### **Remove number**

Moved: Commissioner Saxion

Seconded: Commissioner Mulholland

Vote: 11-0

## **Action Item: Approved November Minutes**

Amend notes so Councilor Semple is only noted as absent.

Moved: Zach

Seconded: Julia

Vote:9-0; Councilor Semple and Commissioner Edwards abstained.

## **Public Comment:**

Jim Ball spoke about KGW Power Struggle Video. The video raises concerns about how reliable our electricity supply will be in the next few years. He also talked about the book "A Bright Future," which talks about global warming and solutions to solving it.

Jim Neu thanked the Commission for the comments on the CAP2.0. He spoke about what he hoped to see through the Mayor's CRO Ad Hoc Work Group. He requested that LRAPA and Beyond Toxics be part of the Work Group. He also asked for additional members on the Eugene Climate Collaborative. He asked for additional community outreach. He requested the Commission look at fossil fuel risk bonds.

Jeannine Parisi with EWEB shared the 2019 results for EWEB's Energy Efficiency and Customer Care programs. Here's the high level stats:

- \$2.5M in incentives and \$2.0 M in loans provided to support EWEB's customers with energy efficiency projects
- These projects resulted in 2.2 MW of energy reduction – almost twice EWEB's annual load growth. As context 2.2 MW is roughly equivalent to the annual usage of 575 all-electric homes.

- 20% of residential conservation projects was in the rental market and 26% of savings targeted limited income customers
  - Includes agency projects like SVDP Ross Apartments heating upgrades and Ya Po Ah Terrace retrofit
- Projects produced 8366 MTCO2 reduction
  - Includes 173 EV incentives (\$500 for Level II charger) and fuel-switching projects
  - Anticipate more EV and electrification incentives in 2020
- Revamped EWEB's Customer Care Program in 2019. Increased one-time bill assistance to \$260/year (from \$200) for total of \$1M in direct financial help, and completed 499 home energy audits.

She also noted that EWEB is getting ready to officially launch the Energy Supply Planning project – the purpose is to figure out how we'll meet our community's future energy needs while reflecting customers' values around green, reliable, affordable and resilient energy system.

**Commissioner Response:**

Councilor Semple asked for Jeannine to send a copy of the stats. She thanked everyone for coming.

Laura Allen thanked the presenters, provided support for the process to finish the CAP, and clarified that she was not the chair of the outreach committee as stated earlier in the public comment section.

Zach Mulholland thanked everyone for coming and looked forward to hearing how he could be more involved in the process.

Ralph McDonald thanked Jim Neu for bringing up the fossil fuel bonding issue again. He said he has learned more and sees a need to address that issue.

**Committee Reports:**

Outreach Committee Proposal to change the Sustainability Commission bylaws to include provisions to allocate funding. Commissioner Johnson gave a summary of the proposal around sponsorship.

Next steps include:

- Councilor Semple will bring the funding ask to the City Manager.
- Chelsea will work with Commissioners to revise the proposal. Chelsea also suggested waiting until funding is secured before making the changes.
- This group will also recommend some minor changes to other sections of the bylaws to add clarity.

**Council Communication and Upcoming Items**

Councilor Semple shared that the CAP2.0 process was extended. She will replace Councilor Chris Pryor on the Mayor's CRO Ad Hoc Work Group. She also mentioned some other items on the upcoming City Council Agenda.

**Items from Commissioners and Staff**

- Chelsea provided an update on the CAP2.0 process.

- Chelsea asked for a volunteer to serve on the Neighborhood Matching Grant Program group. Julia Johnson volunteered. Commissioner McDonald moved to appoint her. Seconded by Commissioner Allen. Passed 10-1. Julia abstained.
- Chelsea asked Commissioners to let her know if they do not want to be on the Human Rights and Neighborhood Involvement Community Bulletin list.
- Chelsea shared that staff are working on adding a button to the website so that community members can email Commissioners directly. Staff will send out a note when it is live.
- Chelsea shared that next month staff will bring a Committee Proposal asking Commissioners to help develop a Dashboard for the City's sustainability work. We are working on scheduling now. Commissioners Allen, Saxion, Mulholland said they will likely want to be involved. Commissioner de Heer would like updates.

### Commissioner Updates

- Commissioner McDonald shared updates on the following:
  - Plastics and Styrofoam cup bans are being implemented. He is seeing it in the community.
  - He thanked City Council for their endorsement of the Youth Climate Change Strike.
  - The Food Waste Committee meeting met with Michael Wisth. Michael said he had got hundreds of calls and emails. Many people upset, but more that are supportive.
- Commissioner de Heer spoke about Air Quality Committee. Lisa Arkin from Beyond Toxics came to the Committee Meeting and shared the data Beyond Toxics has been collecting. She also shared what can be done at the state level to improve air quality.
- Commissioner McDonald shared that Trillium had lobbied the state for more money because of the increase in forest fires. They are expecting more claims due to poor air quality.
- Commissioner Allen will bring back a proposal to form a committee around Fossil Fuel Risk Bonds next month.
- Commissioner Saxion gave an update on the Envision Eugene Technical Advisory Committee.
- Commissioner Mulholland spoke about the Envision Eugene Triple Bottom Line Sounding Board. He asked if the Commission should weigh in on the overlay zone from the Urban Reserve Process.
- Commissioner de Heer spoke about expansion into the River Road/Santa Clara area. She said some of that land is our best farm land. Commissioner Saxion clarified those lands have been taken out. She also spoke about building up, rather than out.
- Commissioner Zlevor gave updates on the following:
  - She is on the committee at the state level that are writing draft model code for House Bill 2001.
  - Better Housing Together is interested in presenting to the Commission sometime in the next few months.
  - She shared an invitation for the Commission to participate on the Mayor's Climate Recovery Ordinance Ad Hoc Work Group. Commissioner Mulholland will be the representative. Commissioner Zlevor will be the alternate. Chelsea will ask the Mayor if the Commission can have two seats.

### Meeting Adjourned