



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, August 21, 2017

4:30 PM

Meets the 3rd Monday of the month.
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 108 (City-County Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mitchell at 4:37 pm, following verification that a quorum was present and the meeting had been properly noticed.

Present: 7 - Zach Wood; Patricia A. Lasky; Patrick E. Delmore; Tyler D. Leeper; Timothy D. Baker; Katherine R. Mitchell and Patricia J. Gadow

Excused: 1 - Sara Z. Walling

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Lasky, seconded by Wood, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

See item 47998

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

NEW BUSINESS

[47998](#)

Amending Section 12.129 and 28.141(13)(g), and creating Section 12.1291 of the Madison General Ordinances to impose restrictions on property owners, motor vehicle owners, and City motor vehicle drivers for motor vehicle idling, amending Section 1.08(3)(a) to establish bail amounts for enforcement, and repealing 12.915(7)(f) and RES-07-00576, the City of Madison Vehicle Idling Management Policy.

Attachments: [Body](#)
[RESJI Idling Ordinance Analysis](#)

Barb Wilson (623 E Mifflin St.) spoke in support of the proposed idling ordinance revisions.

Alder Zellars spoke on the research and meetings with multiple affected businesses and City departments by the ordinance changes as well as the equity analysis done during the drafting process. An educational brochure is also in development.

A motion was made by Leeper, seconded by Wood, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

[48446](#)

Leaf Management 2017 Discussion

Committee discussed opportunities to spread the word about proper leaf management to reduce phosphorus leaching including writing an editorial for the newspaper, sharing information with neighborhood list serve emails and Alder groups and doing educational outreach at local schools.

[48455](#)

Invasive Species Management Discussion

John Hausbeck of Public Health spoke regarding the authority the department has over other departments, their pesticide policies, and review of their IPM plans. Public Health does not dictate methods, only that the methods departments are using meet current regulations. The original pesticide policy was put together and reviewed by an committee of experts in the industry, which has since disbanded. The Madison Food and Policy Council Pollinator Taskforce has expressed interest in trying to revitalize the group. COE members to reach out to Pollinator Taskforce to gather more information on ways they could collaborate. Members also expressed interest in looking into opportunities to better utilize public buffer strips through the city in regards to this topic.

REPORTS[42158](#)

Report of Chair

Chair Mitchell provided an update on discussions with Sustainable Madison Committee including opportunities to collaborate. SMC will start meeting the 4th Monday of the month starting in September to avoid the meeting conflict between the committees. Committees will provide quarterly updates to each other in an effort to communicate better moving forward.

[42159](#)

Report from Board of Public Works

none

[42160](#)

Report from Water Utility Board

Delmore reported on an energy study done on the use of variable speed pumps at 3 wells. Payoff on energy savings vs. installation costs is approximately 3 years.

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Report from Solid Waste Advisory Committee

none

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Report from Board of Health for Madison and Dane County

none

[42163](#)

Staff Report

Eberhardt share proposed 2018 meeting dates. Recruitment for the open COE position is ongoing. Members were encouraged to spread the word to potentially interested parties and have them apply.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Gadow, seconded by Wood, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.