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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, October 16, 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

Chair Mitchell Called the Meeting to Order at 4:30pm.

Present: 5 - Zach Wood; Patricia A. Lasky; Patrick E. Delmore; Tyler D. Leeper and Katherine R. Mitchell

Absent: 1 - Patricia J. Gadow

Excused: 2 - Sara Z. Walling and Timothy D. Baker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

See items 3 and 5.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

none

NEW BUSINESS

- 1 [49018](#) Amending numerous sections of Chapter 37, the Public Stormwater System Including Erosion Control.

Attachments: [Version 1](#)

Jeff Benedict of City Engineering gave an overview of the proposed changes to Chapter 37, noting the error in 37.06(3)(e) to be corrected.

A motion was made by Lasky, seconded by Wood, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the Public Works. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2 [49190](#) Conversation on the implementation of idling ordinance within City departments

Representatives from City Streets, Metro, and Fleet Services spoke on how each department is internally implementing the revised idling ordinances.

Chris Kelley stated that the Streets department already had a similar internal policy that they passed in 2007 that mimics the sentiments of the ordinance. They are updating the policy to match the temperature parameters as well as a few other minor wording differences.

Crystal Martin and Chue Lor stated that 75% of Metro's fleet is comprised of clean idle vehicles. The other 25% (approximately 60 buses) are used exclusively as school dodgers so they have a limited use and run time. They will focus on examining leave times to reduce idling opportunities for these vehicles. Additionally, these 60 buses are all expected to be replaced with clean idle vehicles within the next 4 years.

Ron Janowski stated that the Streets department is the main user of the Fleet vehicles. Other departments use smaller vehicles sparingly and are not contributors to this problem.

- 3 [48446](#) Leaf Management 2017 Discussion

Public Comment by Carl Landsness resident on Waubesa St. Carl wanted to know what the City has been doing to reduce the leaves in the street and how he can help spread the message.

COE members reported on sightings of advertisements/articles in the Isthmus newspaper, Public Health newsletter, and City Engineering Waterways newsletter helping spread the word to residents. COE also drafted article being submitted to Alders to share with their networks.

Chris Kelley of City Streets department explained the new web map to help residents know when to rake.

- 4 [48889](#) Value of COE to Boards with Committee Representation

Delmore, whom serves on the Water Utility Board, stated that the WU shares a concern for salt, chloride, and general water quality issues. They have a standing item on all agendas for COE updates.

Lasky, whom serves on the Board of Public Health, stated PH also has many shared environmental concerns and also have a standing item on all agendas for COE updates.

Members disclosed a desire for more information sharing from boards and their staff and finding out subject matters that need to be remedied.

- 5 [49214](#) LED street lighting

Public Comment from Fred Mohs of 512 Wisconsin Ave. He is concerned with the unnatural white glow of the new LED lighting being used. Would like to see LED lighting that glows similarly to the incandescent lights.

Delmore shared an article regarding the increased glare and increased brightness of the "blueish" LED lighting. Members reviewed information provided from Traffic Engineering regarding the usage of LED lighting in the City. Members and staff will reach out to professionals in the lighting industry to see what options are available and the effect on public safety.

REPORTS

- 6 [42158](#) Report of Chair

Mitchell attended the Sustainable Madison Committee meeting last month and reported on opportunities for COE to help implement items from the sustainability plan. SMC will be sending a rotating representative to COE meetings. SMC has also created a facebook page to help share information about environmental and sustainability news and events in Madison.

www.facebook.com/pg/SustainableMadisonHub

- 7 [42159](#) Report from Board of Public Works

none

- 8 [42160](#) Report from Water Utility Board

Delmore reported that the WU is drilling a monitoring well in the Kip area to test if PCBs have leached down. The WU also submitted a requested rate increase to the PSC.

- 9 [42161](#) Report from Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Alder Wood stated the Committee discussed leaf collection practices.

- 10 [42162](#) Report from Board of Health for Madison and Dane County

Lasky reported about the odor issue on the East side from the landfill, taking initiative in violence prevention, and partnering with East and Lafollette high schools to get kids interested in public health careers.

- 11 [42163](#) Staff Report

Eberhardt provided an update on filling the vacant position and polled members on availability for the December meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Wood, seconded by Lasky, to Adjourn at 5:56pm. The motion passed by voice vote/other.