



City of Madison
Proceedings - Final
COMMISSION ON THE
ENVIRONMENT

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Jonathan Standridge, Chair; Keith Pierce, Vice Chair; Alder Robbie Webber; Michael Rewey; Susan Bulgrin; Roger Bannerman; Elena Bennett; Reginald Weide; Theresa Stabo; Executive Secretary Michael R. Dailey; Staff: Marilyn Bakken, Greg Fries, Genesis Bichanich

Monday, February 21, 2005

4:45 PM

210 MLKJ BLVD RM 103A (CCB)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Standridge called the Commission meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. noting for the record that hte meeting was properly noticed and a quorum was present.

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ROLL CALL

Present: Ald. Robbie Webber, Michael W. Rewey, Susan M. Bulgrin, Jonathan H. Standridge, Roger T. Bannerman, Elena M. Bennett, Reginald N. Weide and Keith W. Pierce

Excused: Theresa Stabo

1. Approval of Minutes of January 10, 2005 Meeting

Commissioner Bulgrin moved approval of the Minutes of the January 10, 2005 meeting; motion was seconded by Commissioner Webber. Discussion regarding Item #3 on January Agenda; Addition to January minutes: The Commissioners discussed the idea that they cannot make decisions on agenda items unless noted as information only. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

2. Items of concern brought to the Commission but not listed below - for future agenda.

Noted for the record no items of concern were brought before the Commission not noted on the agenda.

3. Approve Creation of Salt Reduction Subcommittee - [Bannerman]

Commissioner Bannerman discussed who the members of the group are and what their goals are. Members include Roger Bannerman (chair), Jon Standridge, John Hausbeck, Steve Giest, Steve Corsi, Jim Lorman, and Tom Martinelli. Tim Troester will sit on the subcommittee as City staff. Some of the members of the proposed group met to discuss what the goals of the subcommittee should be. The group wants to have ways to address salt reduction on both public and private property. They are gathering information on what other communities are doing with regards to salt use. They briefly discussed whether they would be proposing an ordinance or just providing information. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation will be bringing information they have been gathering to the first subcommittee meeting.

MOTION Commissioner Bannerman moved approval of the creation of a Salt Reduction Subcommittee; motion was seconded by Commissioner

Webber. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

4. Approve the Creation of Subcommittee to Review Madison Lakes Report - [Bichanich]

Commissioner Standridge read the names of the members of the proposed subcommittee: Jon Standridge (chair), Dawn Karner, Alder Greg Markle, Jocelyn Hemming, Roger Bannerman, and Susan Graham. It was decided to add Greg Fries as an alternate subcommittee member to ensure a quorum would be present. Genesis Bichanich will sit on the subcommittee as City staff. The first meeting of the subcommittee will be held Thursday, February 24 at 10:00 AM in Room 103A of the City-County Building.

MOTION Commissioner Webber moved approval of the creation of a Subcommittee to Review a Madison Lakes Report; motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

5. [00417](#)

Amending Section 10.085(4)(c) to increase the threshold for the required lighting on a residential site to one with three or more parking spaces.

A motion was made by Ald. Webber, seconded by Rewey, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER Commissioner Rewey explained that there was an error in the amendment to the initial Dark Sky Ordinance which would have required lighting on residential property if there was space for three or more parking spaces (in the driveway). It was not the intention of the Dark Sky Subcommittee to require more residential lighting.

The motion passed by acclamation.

6. Reports of Commission Representatives on Environmental Issues - for discussion and possible inclusion on future agenda.

A. *Board of Public Works - Rewey had no report*

B. *Water Utility Board - Standridge had no report*

C. *Health Commission -*

Bulgrin reported that the Dane County Board passed the unification agreement between City and County Health Departments. The new Health Council will have eight members. Only the Mayor and the County Executive have power to hire and terminate the new health director. The council is looking to add an environmental professional as a member. This person would likely be the representative to the COE. The smoking ban will go into effect on July 1, 2005 and will exclude private clubs and places with separately ventilated smoking rooms. These excluded areas, however, will have a smoking ban placed on them beginning January 1, 2006.

Dr. Sorsa reported that the phosphorus ban went into effect on January 1, 2005. The Health Department will be sending out letters regarding the ban to businesses that sell fertilizer. Health will not be monitoring compliance with the ban. Bulgrin reported that the Health Commission agreed to pass the bus idling ordinance which prevents buses from idling for longer than 15 minutes throughout the City of Madison unless the temperature is less than 40 degrees or greater than 80 degrees Fahrenheit. Commissioner Webber raised concerns regarding the exemptions as well as limiting the ordinance to busses.

D. *Solid Waste Committee - Weide reported that there had been*

discussion on automated recycling, specifically that there may an option of placing advertising on the trash receptacles. The City has not yet made a decision on the matter.

E. *Staff-no report*

7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDA

- A. *Update on CoGen plant agreement between MGE and UW
Madison - [Don Peterson, MGE]*
- B. *Update and discussion on phosphorus ban ordinance and lawsuit*
- C. *Discussion on Dark Sky Ordinance*
- D. *Parking Lot Sealcoating - Coal Tar Use - [Bannerman - July]*
- E. *Road Salt Report - [Hausbeck - July]*
- F. *Election of Officers - [May]*
- G. *City's Climate Protection Plan*

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by G. Bichanich, Approved by Michael R. Dailey, P.E., Executive Secretary