



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved SUSTAINABLE MADISON COMMITTEE

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Monday, September 24, 2018

4:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
City-County Building, Room 357

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chair Shukla called the meeting to order following verification that a quorum was present and the meeting properly noticed.

**Present:** 16 - David Ahrens; Michael J. Tierney; Stacie A. Reece; Rajan V. Shukla; Michael J. Vickerman; Lance E. Green; Sam J. Breidenbach; Richard J. Pearson; Jesse J. Shields; Bradley Campbell; Jeannette E. LeZaks; Maria A. Schletzbaum; Kyla H.S. Beard; Richard A. Heinemann; Samuel J. Dunaiski and Joseph M. Ryan

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Reece, seconded by Shields, to Approve the Minutes of August 27, 2018. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments by Susan Polzen on City Well #15 and its pollution by chemicals. She felt Water Utility (WU) did not do enough notification beforehand about the meetings covering issues with the well and the well testing process. She feels the well testing process needs to be stepped up in all wells and that public engagement around water quality issues needs to be improved. She felt Joe Grande, Water Quality Manager, has been responsive to her and has done a good job, but she feels the WU overall could be more transparent on well contamination issues.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [53250](#) Discussion with Dane County Supervisor Yogesh Chawla regarding a Lake Level Resolution through the Dane County Board.

Dane County Supervisor Yogesh Chawla provided the committee with information regarding DC Resolution 227 which calls for a scientifically based review of lake levels, study various models and the impacts on residents, flood control and the lake ecosystem. Some interesting points of note in his presentation is that lowering Lake Mendota 1 inch will cause a rise in water level in Lake Monona of 3 inches and that result of the study would have to be approved by the WDNR as they control WI waterways. He asked for support of the resolution by the SMC and answered questions from the committee. SMC unanimously approved supporting the resolution and the scientific study. Hoffman also noted that the City of Madison is putting forth a similar resolution that will complement the County one.

A motion was made to Discuss and Finalize [Place on File]. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

2. [53251](#) DRAFT Advancing the Sustainability Plan Resolution

**Attachments:** [Sustainability Resolution \(A3251058x9DEB4\).docx](#)

Reese and LeZaks put forth a draft for the committee to review. Resolution language was broad and called for review of categories of the Sustainability Plan by all committees that have preview over strategies and goals in that section. Committee members discussed need to focus resolution language to reflect more specific review of items like the Energy Plan generated by the committee and the need for training of committees on the sustainability framework. LeZaks and Reese, along with Heinemann and van Lith will look to rework the language and return it to the full committee for review.

[This Discussion Item was Discuss and continue]

3. [53252](#) Presentation and Discussion with Mahanth Joishy, Superintendent, City of Madison Fleet Services - Vehicle Sustainability Initiatives.

**Joishy presented on electric vehicle (EV) and alternative fuel usage by City vehicles. City recently purchased its first three EVs (Chevy Volts.) City will continue to acquire EVs where appropriate and has been working with MG&E on setting up electric hook-up infrastructure. Since April, 2018, the City has restarted its use of biodiesel in some heavy equipment. Has moved up from B5 (5% biodiesel) to B11 (11% biodiesel), with the fuel being made from local soybeans and waste fats.**

**MPD has selected 6 Ford Fusion hybrids for patrol cars and has a goal of all hybrid patrol cars (33 cars) by 2019. Hybrids get 40MPG vs 18MPG on the old gasoline powered cars. Along with these initiatives, Fleet will continue to research CNG (compressed natural gas) fuel for heavy vehicles, more hybrid options, anti-idling and GPS technologies that will help us save fuel and reduce emissions. The new Fleet facility, opening in 2020 will allow for CNG and EV repair and fueling. Joishy is working with the City grant writer to get an Office of Energy Innovation grant that will offset the purchase of 20 more EVs. Joishy is also collaborating with other public and private sector entities on policies and practice review and implementation to improve green fleet options.**

**A motion was made to Discuss and Finalize [Place on File]. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**UPDATES**

4. **Update on Solar Zoning and Permitting Fees and Process Working Group.**

Vickerman will report on at next meeting

5. **Update on Sustainable Purchasing Policies for the City of Madison's Purchasing and Ability to Regulate Plastics.**

First meeting is on Friday, September 28. Deputy City Attorney Viste says we cannot do a plastic bag regulation outside of what the State might mandate or not mandate.

6. **Jeanne Hoffman to update SMC members on 100% Renewable Energy Plan.**

Continuing to be worked on per Hoffman

7. **Jeanne Hoffman to update SMC members on City/MGE Agreement and Working Groups.**

EV Plan moving forward and other meetings going on.

8. **Jeanne Hoffman to update SMC members on progress in hiring Sustainability Program Coordinator.**

Second interviews done and final interviews being planned.

9. **Possible update from Ald. Ahrens on the Urban Forestry Task Force.**

Ald. Ahrens stated the Finance Committee approved \$500K in budget for initiatives coming out of the Taskforce.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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