



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, July 21, 2008

4:45 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 6 -

Lori O. Grant; Larry Palm; Michael W. Rewey; Bill Sonzogni; Jonathan H. Standridge and Keith W. Pierce

Excused: 3 -

Roger T. Bannerman; Bruce C. Dickie and Reginald N. Weide

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [11226](#) Opposing construction of the ATC 345 KV transmission line on the Beltline and endorsing undergrounding of any portion of the line if it is built on the Beltline or otherwise within the City.

A motion was made by Rewey, seconded by Palm, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS - REPORT OF OFFICER . The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Commission on the Environment supports placing the power lines underground, but takes no position on the Beltline route of the power lines.
2. [11110](#) To a) authorize the Common Council of the City of Madison to request that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources review authorized lake levels on Lake Mendota, b) request from Dane County a review of their policy on summer minimum and maximum lake levels and its potential impact on residential flooding and wetland deterioration, and c) direct the City Engineer, the Parks Division, and the City Attorney to work with the National Weather Service, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Cities of Middleton and Monona, and Dane County to establish pre-determined thresholds representing the onset of flooding for Lakes Mendota, Monona, and Waubesa.

A motion was made by Palm, seconded by Rewey, to Return to Lead with the

Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Russ Hefty (Parks Department) and Larry Nelson (City Engineer) presented the request and answered questions. Alder Schumacher was also present in support of the resolution.

Public Registered:

Peter Cannon - 420 Sidney St - supports the resolution
Jim Hughes - 5310 Chinook Ln. - supports the resolution

3. [11080](#) Creating new Section 7.55 to prohibit outdoor wood boilers, amending Sec. 1.08(4) to include citation authority for Director of Public Health and amending, and amending Sec. 1.08(3) of the Madison General Ordinances to establish a bail deposit for a violation.

A motion was made by Palm, seconded by Rewey, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO REREFER - REPORT OF OFFICER to the COMMON COUNCIL and should be returned by 8/5/2008. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Ray Harmon, Mayor's Office, was present to make suggestions as to the wording of the resolution such that high-efficiency wood boilers would not be inadvertently banned. There was also a suggestions that the Sustainable Design & Energy Committee have a chance to review and comment on the resolution. It is necessary to send the resolution back to Common Council so that this item can be referred to that committee.

4. [08918](#) Discussion of the Environmental Issues pertaining to useage of bottled water

A motion was made by Palm, seconded by Grant, to remove this item from future agendas. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

5. [08435](#) Discussion of Plastic Bag Use

A subcommittee has formed to discuss this issue in more detail and will have their first meeting on August 1.

REPORTS

6. [08477](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

None

7. [08478](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:

The new Department Head will be starting in August.

8. [08479](#) REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

None

9. [08481](#) REPORT FROM EROSION CONTROL SUBCOMMITTEE:

None

10. [08482](#) REPORT FROM STAFF:

None

ADJOURNMENT

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