



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, December 16, 2013

4:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 103A (City-County Building)
Meets the 3rd Monday of the month.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

- Present:** 5 -
Sue Ellingson; Steven M. Fix; James P. Bennett; Elizabeth A.
Katt-Reinders and Patricia J. Gadow
- Absent:** 2 -
Patricia A. Lasky and Mike DePue
- Excused:** 2 -
Jennifer L. Giegerich and Timothy D. Baker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

1. [32255](#) Creating Section 29.047 of the Madison General Ordinances to create an energy benchmarking requirements for certain types of buildings in the City of Madison and amending Sections 1.08(3)(a) and (4) to establish a bail deposit for violation of this requirement that is enforceable by the City Engineer.

Attachments: [BODY](#)
[EPA DataTrends & Savings](#)
[MEEA Benchmarking Metrics Fact Sheet](#)
[Madison's Benchmarking FAQ's](#)
[Overview Slide Presentation](#)

Due to inclement weather and a delay in the presenter's arrival, discussion of this item was unconventional.

Public comments

1. Delora Newton, Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce, opposed Ms. Newton asked that the city work with owners to support a voluntary effort rather than make it mandatory, and asked what the city is trying to prove. Other voluntary efforts have successfully reduced energy usage 2.5%.

2. Dave Branson, opposed

3. Matt Kozlowski, Progressive Dane, support

Mr. Kozlowski said while some businesses are already investing in energy efficiency, others will not without a standard. It was clarified that there are no proposed requirements beyond reporting. Some participating cities provide the data as requested rather than Madison's proposal to make it public.

4. Phil Salkin, RASCW, opposed

Mr. Salkin indicated that the utility use information is already available to the City, should someone wish to compile the data. He is concerned about costs to owners and if the public would be able to accurately compare the energy use of different buildings, given the great variation in efficiency as well as the inability for an owner to prevent a tenant from leaving a window open, for example. Just knowing energy use doesn't tell the full story. He would prefer a voluntary program, as many are already doing this as a good business practice.

Ellingson moved to table the item until the presenter arrived, seconded by Bennett. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

After Manus McDevitt arrived to speak on the item, Ellingson moved to take the item off the table, seconded by Katt-Reinders. The motion passed by voice vote/ other.

Mr. McDevitt, Sustainable Engineering Group, has assisted the Sustainable Madison Committee in crafting the proposed ordinance. Benchmarking is a way to encourage owners to invest in energy efficiency by requiring reporting of current energy use, scoring their reported numbers, and raising awareness through educational efforts by partners like Focus on Energy. The information gained would be used for future planning of infrastructure. The current projection is a 30-50% increase in energy use by 2030. The reason this is not proposed to be a voluntary program is that the existing voluntary program, MPower, has 12 participants out of a possible 6,500 commercial properties. There needs to be a mandate to have an effect.

Discussion included the fact that state, University, and other public buildings are already being benchmarked on an individual basis. There will be a verification process put in place to check that the right information is being reported. While this program won't decrease development, the intent is to slow down the increasing energy usage, reducing 300 billion btu per year.

A motion was made by Ellingson, seconded by Bennett, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the SUSTAINABLE MADISON COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

2. [32338](#) Reminder that all members of City of Madison committees, commissions, or boards must file a Statement of Interests form with the City Clerk's Office by January 7, 2014.

3. [32177](#) Discussion of a possible sentinel species for Madison area lakes

Attachments: [Possible Sentinel Species, 11/3/13 Email](#)

Postponed until January meeting.

REPORTS

- 4. [08477](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Several significant street reconstruction projects will happen in 2014: East Johnson, State Street Mall, and Commonwealth. WDOT is working on a draft Environmental Impact Statement on Hwy 51, to be released sometime in March. The COE will likely want to review it, as there will be possible wetland impacts.

- 5. [08478](#) REPORT FROM WATER UTILITY BOARD:

Not present

- 6. [08479](#) REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Not present

- 7. [14746](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF HEALTH FOR MADISON AND DANE COUNTY:

Not present

- 8. [13375](#) STAFF REPORT

City Engineering received a \$10,000 grant from Yahara WINs to fund an hourly position that would help increase erosion control enforcement at challenging sites within the TMDL area (for example). Increased enforcement includes a phasing requirement, a preconstruction meeting, documentation of initial installation of erosion control measures, and require an improvement over minimum requirements where applicable.

ADJOURNMENT

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