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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, January 11, 2016

4:30 PM Meets the 3rd Monday of the month. (Note: January scheduled for second Monday due to MLK holiday.)
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 108 (City-County Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by Chair Katt-Reinders, following verification that the meeting was properly noticed and a quorum was present.

Kirsti Sorsa, Public Health Madison-Dane Co. was in attendance.

Present: 6 - Zach Wood; Patricia A. Lasky; Patrick E. Delmore; Katherine R. Mitchell; Elizabeth A. Katt-Reinders and Patricia J. Gadow

Excused: 3 - Steven M. Fix; Tyler D. Leeper and Timothy D. Baker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Ald. Wood, seconded by Lasky to Approve the Minutes of November 16, 2015. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

1. [36426](#) Report of the Chair

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2. [41344](#) Madison Metro Sewerage District update on salt reduction studies and other MMSD water quality initiatives.

Attachments: [MMSD presentation to COE.pdf](#)

Kathy Lake, P.E., an Environmental Specialist with Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD), made a presentation on MMSD's overall chloride reduction strategy. Included in the discussion was MMSD's overall findings of their salt reduction pilot study (water softeners) and roles that the COE could play in advancing the chloride reduction initiative.

Committee members discussed the identified areas of Road Salt Reduction and Softening Efficiency.

Road Salt includes training for salt applicators in the City (City contracts and employees), using WiSaltWise to shift expectations and support Behavior Change Initiatives, which includes educating through existing networks (neighborhood associations and environmental groups).

Softening Efficiency includes updating and optimizing softening technology in City owned/managed buildings. Exploring requirements to have time clock softeners changed out at point of sale and implementing minimum efficiency standards for softeners.

COE will discuss these areas at a future meeting.

- 3. [41348](#) City's budget cycle and timeline for 2017 budget process

Ald. Wood spoke in general about the budget process and timeline. At February meeting , Ald. Wood will address timeline and process for the 2017 budget as the committee looks into supporting Road Salt reduction and Softening Efficiency initiatives.

REPORTS

- 4. [41350](#) Report from Board of Public Works

None.

- 5. [41352](#) Report from Water Utility Board

Delmore reported that Madison's annual water use was below 10 billion gallons for the first time in 47 years. A press release highlighting this major conservation milestone and addressing future climate challenges was issued by the Water Utility on 1/8/2016.

- 6. [41353](#) Report from Solid Waste Advisory Committee

None.

7. [41354](#) Report from Board of Health for Madison and Dane County

None.

8. [41355](#) Staff Report

Mike Dailey, City Engineering, reminded COE members about filing their Statement of Interest forms. The deadline was January 5, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ald. Wood, seconded by Mitchell to Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.