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**File Name:** Approval of Collaboration Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Madison and Madison Gas and Electric.

**Final Action:**

**Title:** Approval of Collaboration Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Madison and Madison Gas and Electric.

**Notes:** Jeanne Hoffman

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**Sponsors:** Paul R. Soglin

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**Attachments:** Updated MOU- CLean (A2838370x9DEB4).pdf,  
Sustainable Madison Committee Testimony.pdf,  
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Updated MOU (A2848383x9DEB4).pdf

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### Approval History

Version	Date	Approver	Action
1	06/14/2017	Travis J. Martin	Approve

### History of Legislative File

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Engineering Division	06/09/2017	Referred for Introduction				
	<b>Action Text:</b>		This Resolution was Referred for Introduction				
	<b>Notes:</b>		Finance Committee				
1	COMMON COUNCIL	06/20/2017	Refer	FINANCE COMMITTEE			Pass

**Action Text:** A motion was made by Rummel, seconded by Baldeh, to Refer to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

One registration in opposition.

**Notes:** Additional referral: Sustainable Madison Committee

1 FINANCE COMMITTEE 06/20/2017 Refer SUSTAINABLE  
MADISON  
COMMITTEE

**Action Text:** This Resolution was Refer to the SUSTAINABLE MADISON COMMITTEE

**Notes:**

1 SUSTAINABLE MADISON 07/17/2017 Refer SUSTAINABLE 08/21/2017  
COMMITTEE MADISON  
COMMITTEE

**Action Text:** Green noted that the time was nearing 6:30 p.m. and asked the committee to consider extension of time to hear public comments on MOU. Committee voted to hear public comment, but moved vote on approval of the MOU to the next meeting.

[This Resolution was Refer to the SUSTAINABLE MADISON COMMITTEE Meeting of August 21, 2017.]

Public Comment:

Janice Knapp-Cordes. MOU wonderful piece of communication, but that it only states the City and MG&E agree to continue talking. It needs more specific descriptions of feedback on progress to remove greenhouse gases (GHG) from atmosphere.

Daniel Hast. Thanks committee for staying to hear public comment. Reject MOU or strengthen language for greater public accountability and specific reduction targets. Also wants meetings between MG&E and City to follow open meeting laws for more transparency. MOU doesn't mention that 2/3 of electricity comes from coal fired power plants which have a dramatic impact on health and carbon emissions. Need sharp decline in emissions within the next three years to avoid coastal flooding. City needs to compel MG&E to meet certain targets. He like 100% renewable energy target.

Melanie Foxcroft SASSY member from east side. Likes MOU framework but more public involvement is need within meetings-follow open meetings law. MOU should mention use of coal and the need to phase it out though a specific plan. Should also mention higher fixed fees MG&E charges since it was reason for MOU creation and that there should be a mention of a need to negotiate fixed fee reductions. Feel there needs to be a better City-utility partnership model similar to Minneapolis model

Yogesh Shamla. Solar enthusiast with panels on home. MOU needs to deal with connection costs. Address API-new technology to gather data from appliances and other devices and that apps should be developed and made available to public. Need more ways to offset energy use and encourage public participation and following of agenda. (SMC agenda had this item first)

Mitchell Brey. Has concerns with MOU. Is it valuable to have as is? Feels local utility uses soft words like "investigating", "researching" to cover inaction. Resolution should state 100% renewable target clearly. MOU and utility relationship needs more public oversight and collaboration to reach 100% renewable target. If MOU doesn't work City should explore buying utility.

Elizabeth Katt-Reinders. Sierra Club. What value does MOU create for City and residents? MG&E target of 30% renewable by 2030 does not match City target and how can MOU shift that thinking? Likes small scale clean projects by MG&E, but how does MOU mover MG&E to get off coal fast? Does language of MOU close door to other discussions?

Owen Rienders- 13 year old. 30% renewable target by 2030 will not be enough. Goal is to get to 100%.

Katie Sabalonex 30% target by 2030 is not enough for her and her daughter.

Devin Martin—Sierra Club organizer. Many cities committing to 100% target. Make the goal a reality. Need to move off coal by 2035. Our future depends on it. Be a leader in clean, safe, reliable energy.—had 78 comment sheets and letter to add to record.

Jessie Elgin—Invoked image of state flag. Mining and farming-state motto--Forward. All point to pushing progress and a new direction. Feels WI has been progressive and focused on natural environment. March for Science was strong here and proved that people cared about science. All have to work towards 100% renewable, locally generated renewable. And more than 30% by 2030.

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## Text of Legislative File 47645

**Fiscal Note**

No appropriation is required with the approval of this resolution. However elements of the MOU may have fiscal impacts which would require additional legislative approvals.

**Title**

Approval of Collaboration Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Madison and Madison Gas and Electric.

**Body**

WHEREAS, the Common Council passed Resolution RES-16-00394 on June 10, 2016 , which adopted the City of Madison Energy Work Plan and authorized the Sustainable Madison Committee (SMC) to begin discussions with senior representatives of Madison Gas and Electric (MGE) to develop a Memorandum of Understanding as a framework for ongoing collaborative action on energy-related issues;

WHEREAS, representatives of the SMC have met with senior representatives of MGE and developed such an agreement, which is known as the “Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Madison and MGE Regarding a Framework for Collaboration on Shared Energy Goals” (MOU);

WHEREAS, the MOU is intended to facilitate common efforts to help both parties achieve the common goals, objectives and areas of mutual interest contained in the City of Madison’s Energy Work Plan and MGE’s Energy 2030 Framework;

WHEREAS, such areas of mutual interest include expanding solar generation resources; expanding electric vehicle use; promoting energy efficiency; facilitating social equity and economic development; and reducing GHG emissions in the transportation sector;

WHEREAS, the MOU provides for representatives of MGE and the City to meet regularly to discuss and implement these goals and report back to the Common Council on a periodic basis;

WHEREAS, the MOU has been submitted for review to the City Attorney’s office as to form;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Common Council of the City of Madison hereby:

- 1) Approve the MOU as approved in final form by the City Attorney’s Office and authorize the Mayor, on behalf of the Common Council and the City of Madison, to execute the MOU.