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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, April 19, 2010

4:30 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: 7 -

Larry Palm; Laura E. Hewitt; Lori O. Grant; Reginald N. Weide; Keith W. Pierce; James P. Bennett and Dan Melton

Excused: 2 -

William C. Sonzogni and Roger T. Bannerman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

2. [17804](#) Discuss and Take Action on Proposed Road Salt Use Press Release

A motion was made by Hewitt, seconded by Weide, to Approve with
Amendment(s) . The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Committee Members discussed the wording of a press release that they will be submitting to draw attention to the issue of road salt getting into the lakes and drinking water. Chair Grant read specific comment she received from Sonzogni, who was unable to attend. Members discussed how strong the wording should be. Chair Grant took all comments from other members. She will edit the draft and send it to City Engineering staff to issue as a press release from the Committee on the Environment.

REPORTS

3. [08477](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

The new BPW representative for the COE will be Lucas Dailey, though possibly just for a short time.

4. [08478](#) REPORT FROM WATER UTILITY BOARD:

Water sales to commercial users is down 18%; 22% to industrial; and 3% to residential. The Water Utility will not break even (again), an issue for lots of other water utilities as well. Less water usage leads to higher rates, which

leads to reduced water usage (especially by the larger users).

5. [08479](#)

REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The plastic bag recycling program has thus far been successful. The city collection sites fill up rapidly. The organic collection program will go ahead with the pilot program, but a citywide program will likely be delayed several years.

7. [13375](#)

STAFF REPORT

Membership: Weide has been renewed for another 3 years. Also, May is traditionally the month that a new chair/vice-chair is elected.

ADJOURNMENT

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