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Meeting Minutes - Draft SUSTAINABLE MADISON COMMITTEE

Monday, March 20, 2017

4:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
City-County Building, Room 103A

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m., following verification the meeting had been properly noticed and a quorum was present.

Present: 12 - David Ahrens; Stacie A. Reece; Rajan V. Shukla; Michael J. Vickerman; Lance E. Green; Sam J. Breidenbach; Richard J. Pearson; Jesse J. Shields; Bradley Campbell; Jeannette E. LeZaks; Richard A. Heinemann and Joseph M. Ryan

Excused: 5 - Jason A. Vargo; Maria A. Schletzbaum; Tracy E. Harvey; August R. McGinnity-Wake and Evelyn H. Atkinson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On Common Council Agenda for adoption on March 21. Shukla, Reece and Vickerman will attend CC meeting to answer questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

T. Link, E. Wilson St., said he is concerned that the Ash tree on his block, the largest with 6 blocks in his opinion, is not being treated or preserved. He said he felt Alder Verveer was not responsive to his calls.

L. Schroeder, Jenifer St., spoke in support of changing the EAB treatment policy for ash trees under power lines. She has been attending the Street Tree sub-committee hearings and wants the full SMC to support the soon to be recommended changes.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [41986](#) Requiring the City Forestry Division to evaluate the treatment of ash trees under powerlines on the same basis as other terrace trees and provide treatment accordingly with the goal of maintaining a street tree canopy in Madison's older neighborhoods.

Attachments: [Madison Canopy Street Trees Email.pdf](#)

Ahrens explained process of resolution change and discussion of sub-committee to this point. Charlie Romines of Parks support the need for change in EAB Plan language and feels resolution will reflect those changes. Romines stated that 675 trees or around 30% of ash trees under powerlines have been treated already, due to Forestry assessments of canopy, truck wounds, size, etc. In 2017, another 1019 trees will be assessed and staff will also look at ash trees that have now grown to meet the 10inch DBH level for treatment.

Motion made by Green to have SMC support resolution language change. Vickerman seconded. Voice vote approval to support changes.

[RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER].

2. [46376](#) Repealing Sections 3.14(1) through (3) and 3.14(4)(k) through 3.14(11) of the Madison General Ordinances to update the Department of Transportation Department ordinance.

Attachments: [Current.Sec.3.14](#)
[Expanded Drafter's Analysis](#)

John Strange, Assistant City Attorney, presented ordinance background and needed changes to committee. Current language created City DOT with a Director position. No Director position has ever been filled. Current responsibilities are split between Traffic Engineering Director and Metro Transit Director. Commission structure needs revision and two of three ordinances need repeal. A new Charter ordinance will be drafted. Strange outlined changes and potential 2 committee/Commission structure.

Motion made by Ald. Ahrens, seconded by Ryan to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote.

3. [46377](#) CHARTER ORDINANCE - Repealing Section 3.14(4)(a) through (j) of the Madison General Ordinances to restructure the Department of Transportation .

Attachments: [Current.Sec.3.14](#)
[Expanded Drafter's Analysis](#)

This Charter Ordinance was Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

(Note: 46376, 46377, and 46294 should all be discussed together. 46294 was not officially referred to SMC. John Strange from the City Attorney's Office will be present to explain ordinance changes and answer questions.)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. [46167](#) Collaboration with the Committee on the Environment

Attachments: [City Committee List 9-11-10.pdf](#)

Reece discussed COE structure-8 members, Alder Wood from Council and links of committee to PW group, particular staff support from Stormwater Utility. COE focus is on water. SMC members feel joint meetings periodically would be good, but that currently missions seem to be different with only some water resource overlap. Staff (van Lith) will include list of committees, arranged around the sustainability plan categories, generated several years ago for review by SMC members. Provides bigger picture look at all committees dealing with Sustainability issues.

5. [44959](#) Street Tree Policies.

Attachments: [Tree Workgroup.pdf](#)
[Street Tree Planting Procedures.pdf](#)
[planting trees.pdf](#)
[Tree Subcommittee Basics 10-16-16LG.pdf](#)
[Wisconsin UFA Factsheet_01282016.pdf](#)
[Saratoga-springs.pdf](#)
[Jason Vargo-Street Tree Resources.pdf](#)
[Madison Ordinances on Trees.pdf](#)
[MadisonTreeWorkingGroupReport 1-17.pdf](#)
[Madison Utility Undergrounding Ordinances.pdf](#)
[Policy for funding the Undergrounding of Overhead Utility Lines.pdf](#)
[EAB 2016 Council Update.pdf](#)
[COM EAB Plan Update Sept 2013.pdf](#)
[Madison Forestry Program](#)
[City of Madison Street Tree Map](#)
[Canopy-by-parcel.pdf](#)
[Madison-trees](#)
[Madison Canopy Street Tree Group](#)
[Sustainable Atwood Tree Inventory](#)
[Final Tree Report 2008.pdf](#)
[SMC Tree WorkgroupPaper DRAFT3-3-17.pdf](#)
[FireProtectionandTrees Ruckriegel 1-5-17email.pdf](#)
[SMC Tree WorkgroupPaper 2ndDRAFT4-5-17.pdf](#)
[Ash Street Tree 1-20-2017.pdf](#)
[SMC Tree WorkgroupPaper FinalDraft4-10-17.pdf](#)

Green updated committee on sub-committee meetings over past 6 months. Final draft of white paper with recommendations and resolution change will be forwarded to SMC members for review and comment. White paper has recommendation for creation of a taskforce to create a Master Urban Forest Plan.

6. [43380](#) Update on Energy Plan

Attachments: [ProgressReport20161213.pdf](#)

Hoffman updated members on on-going meetings with MG&E on areas of collaboration. Heinemann, Vickerman and Shukla are also involved in discussions. Ahrens to provide MG&E pilot project report to Committee.

7. [46164](#) The Energy/Carbon Goal Resolution

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8. [42193](#) Review the Madison Sustainability Plan and discuss what has been accomplished or is being worked on, what do we need more information to determine what is happening and what isn't getting worked on.

Attachments: [2016Sustainability Plan review and update.pdf](#)
[HIA740Reports \(2\).pdf](#)
[HIA740PresentationsSmall.pdf](#)
[THTFinalReport.pdf](#)
[Sustainability plan update - working doc.xlsx](#)
[Sustainability Plan Suggested Action 7-16.pdf](#)
[Sustainability Plan update-working doc 2.pdf](#)
[Sustainability Plan update-working doc 2.xlsx](#)
[SustainabilityPlanReview102016.pdf](#)
[SPlan4Cupdate102016.pdf](#)
[SPlan4Cupdate102016.xls](#)
[Sustainability Plan Suggested Action 7-16.pdf](#)

Motion made by Ald. Ahrens, second by Breidenbach, to Refer to the SUSTAINABLE MADISON COMMITTEE due back on 5/15/2017. Motion passed by voice vote.

9. [46537](#) Presentation by Stacie Reese and Jeanette LeZaks on Carbon & Energy.

Attachments: [SMC Presentation - Energy and Carbon Chapter Review Update for April.pr](#)

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ald. Ahrens, seconded by Campbell to Adjourn. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.