



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, February 18, 2019

4:30 PM

Meets the 3rd Monday of the month.
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 108 (City-County Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Delmore at 4:30 pm, following verification that a quorum was present and the meeting had been properly noticed.

Present: 7 - Zach Wood; Kenneth G. Johnson; Patricia A. Lasky; Patrick E. Delmore; Tyler D. Leeper; Elizabeth A. Bookland and Dea Larsen Converse
Excused: 2 - Samantha Bailey and Patricia J. Gadow

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Larsen Converse, seconded by Lasky, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Diane Morgenthaler of 22 E Mifflin St, spoke in regards to the proposed ordinance air conditioning limitations. She contacted many businesses that would be affected by the proposed ordinance and provided the survey results from 26 commercial businesses.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

none

NEW BUSINESS

1 [54739](#) Spring Harbor School Environmental Focus

Attachments: [Intro to Spring Harbor's Environmental Program.pdf](#)

Dave Ropa and Jen Vena, teachers at the Spring Harbor environmental magnet middle school, presented on how they use the natural world in their teaching and daily student routines.

- 2 [54155](#) Creating Section 23.61 of the Madison General Ordinances to impose air conditioning limitations on commercial use buildings or structures.

Attachments: [Substitute Body Version 1](#)

Alder Zellars spoke on the proposed ordinance as a small piece of a large pie to address carbon pollution. Language in proposed ordinance will be altered so it does not apply to hotel balconies. Member Ken Johnson requested numbers to see how much of an impact this proposed ordinance would actually have in terms of CO2 emission reduction and the number of businesses affected.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Larsen Converse, to Table a vote until the March 18, 2019 COE meeting when an estimate on how much CO2 reduction would be obtained and number of businesses that would be affected. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Kenneth G. Johnson; Patricia A. Lasky; Patrick E. Delmore; Tyler D. Leeper and Dea Larsen Converse

Noes: 2 - Zach Wood and Elizabeth A. Bookland

Excused: 2 - Samantha Bailey and Patricia J. Gadow

- 3 [54128](#) Overview of City Engineering's budget amendment for flood management

Attachments: [Pages from 2019 Capital Budget-CC Adopted Amendments.pdf - Adobe Acrc DRAFT WatershedStudyMapOverview.pdf](#)

Greg Fries of City Engineering gave a rundown on the watershed studies in the 2019 Budget as well as land purchases for future stormwater ponds and infrastructure repairs still needed from last year's flood.

- 4 [54741](#) Lake Level Management Strategies

Attachments: [COE_2019.pptx](#)

Greg Fries of City Engineering presented on the ongoing strategy sessions for managing lake levels. Immediate need is to move water out of Monona, Waubesa, and Kegonsa faster by dredging the channels between these downstream lakes. Long term goal is to change how much water the lakes get during a storm such as buying agricultural wetlands. Just lowering Mendota would only help for a single storm event and back to back storms would still have the same backlogging problem. City Engineering is now using new stormwater management strategies in designing new development areas that the 100 year storm must stay in the ROW and the 500 year storm doesn't damage structures. Lowest opening elevation to downtown/East Washington developments was bumped from 850.25 ft to 852.0 ft.

- 5 [54745](#) Follow Up Discussion on Salt Issues

This Miscellaneous was Refer to the COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT due back on 3/18/2019

REPORTS

- 6 [42158](#) Report of Chair

Delmore reported that he will not be seeking reelection as chair during April elections. Tyler Leeper will be chairing the March meeting.

- 7 [42159](#) Report from Board of Public Works

none

- 8 [42160](#) Report from Water Utility Board

Delmore report there has been lots of discussion regarding the PFAs in the ground water. A representative from the Water Utility Board will be at the March meeting to present more information.

- 9 [42161](#) Report from Solid Waste Advisory Committee

none

- 10 [42162](#) Report from Board of Health for Madison and Dane County

none

- 11 [42163](#) Staff Report

Eberhardt reported that community members should report any flooding problems online to help assist the City watershed study efforts.
<https://www.cityofmadison.com/live-work/extreme-weather/flooding/report-flooding/>

ADJOURNMENT

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