

# Energy Plan Commission

## Meeting Minutes September 15, 2021; Regular Meeting (WebEx)

**Attendance:** Commissioners: Gary Olson, Nate Lacoursiere, Brian Hinderliter, Robert Reichert.

**Absent:** Fosam Foncham, Alison Hoxie, Cassandra Theisen

City Staff: Mike LeBeau, Construction Project Supervisor; Paul Johnson, Fleet Services Manager; Jennifer Ondrik, Administrative Specialist.

### Call to Order:

The meeting started at 4:03 pm.

### New Business:

#### City of Duluth Fleet Update

Paul Johnson (Fleet Services Manager) gave an overview of the Cities Fleet program including composition, sustainability, and future plans. Commissioner Lacoursiere expressed interest in the Commission discussing Electrification options and supporting the development of a fleet purchasing policy in the future. Commissioner Reichert added that the City should be including other agencies and authorities such as the Port Authority, Housing Authority, WLSSD, etc. when considering and purchasing vehicles. The group discussed the desire for increased EV charging infrastructure and the challenges related to Duluth's length and topography.

#### City Projects Update

Mike LeBeau (Construction Project Supervisor) gave an overview of the current projects occurring throughout the City. Highlighted projects included:

- City Hall – Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Renewal Design using ARPA Federal Funds
- Miscellaneous Lighting Projects
- Predesign Report for Spirit Mountain Chalet & State Bonding Request
- Lakewalk – Resiliency & storm resistance to climate change
- Phase V – Predesign work for the Seawall and behind the DECC, Brighton Beach, Western Waterfront Trail

### Old Business:

Nothing to report.

### Sustainability Officer Update:

Mindy Granley provided the attached written report as both she and Alex Jackson (Energy Coordinator) were traveling as City representatives on the Climate Smart Municipalities group in Germany.

### Future Meeting Topics/Announcements

Heat for new construction &/or private developments; OPR finalization; Fleet purchasing policy.

### Public Comment:

Linda Herron spoke in support of the Commissions work.

### Adjournment:

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 PM, M/S/C.