

Energy Plan Commission

Meeting Minutes January 17, 2024

Regular Meeting (Conference Room 430)

Attendance: Commissioners: Alison Hoxie, Gary Olson, Cassandra Theisen, Robert Reichert.

Absent: Scott Wishart, Brian Hinderliter, Tari Rayala

Commissioner Hoxie left at 5:05pm.

City Staff: Mindy Granley, Alayna Johnson, Ella Stewart, (participating virtually: Jim Benning, Jenae Petoscia, John Upton, Adam Hendrickson, Jodi Amundson)

Call to Order: Meeting Called to order at 4:10pm

Approval of November 15th 2023 Meeting Minutes: Commissioner Hoxie moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Olson

Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Hoxie moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Olson

Old Business: Commissioner Olson brought forward the Draft Recommendation and moved to consider the resolution. Commissioner Hoxie seconded. The commission voted with unanimous approval to bring the resolution to Mayor Reinert and City Councilors.

New Business:

Officer elections: Commissioner Hoxie nominated Commissioner Theisen as Chair. Commissioner Theisen nominated Commissioner Olson as Chair, Commissioner Hoxie seconded. The commission unanimous approved for Olson as Chair. Commissioner Olson nominated Commissioner Theisen as Vice Chair, Commissioner Hoxie seconded. The Commission unanimous approved for Commissioner Theisen for Vice Chair.

2024 Regular Meeting Schedule: Commissioner Theisen introduced. Commissioner Hoxie moved to approve. Commissioner Reichert seconded. The commission unanimous approved.

2023 Annual Report: Commissioner Reichert moved to approve, Commissioner Hoxie seconded. The commission unanimous approved.

Presentation on the Natural Gas Innovation Act: Emma Ingebretsen and Betsy Lang from CenterPoint Energy provided presentation remotely on transitioning away from natural gas through carbon capture and offsets, green hydrogen, district energy, heat pumps, and other methods.

RACER and Sustainability Updates: Mindy Granley shared the updates from Brett Crecelius on RACER – site selection is underway and a contractor was selected. She also shared

organizational updates with administration and highlights from the recent C-SAT meeting. Alayna Johnson shared the progress being made on the geothermal project with a partners meeting coming on January 22nd. Ella Stewart shared the upcoming community workshops which the commission supported in the past. Commissioner Reichert asked about new development going up and reporting on source of heating.

City Energy Updates: Nothing was reported. Commissioner Theisen asked about the Energy Coordinator position. Mindy Granley reported that HR has made an offer to a candidate.

Public Comment:

A member of the public thanked the committee for passing the resolution.

Future Meeting Topics:

Planning and Development coming to report on new buildings

Demand side of GHG reduction, instead of supply side

Expand community aspect of commission

Adjournment:

Commissioner Theisen moved to adjourn at 5:37pm