

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 14, 2024, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Online via Microsoft Teams



Commissioners Present: Carol Adams, Marty Kraft, Scott Klamm

Commissioners absent: Michael Kelley, Caroline (Molly) Davies

Staff: Andy Savastino, Regan Tokos, Kacey Eis, Sarah Benal

Guests: Kelly Gilbert

- A. The meeting was called to order at 4:12pm. Chair Carol Adams welcomed commissioners, staff, and guests.
- B. Office of Environmental Quality Report
 - a. Nuisance Code – It is still waiting to be reviewed by Law, and Council will be off for the Labor Day holiday, so the Nuisance Code won't be out until the middle of September. OEQ has prepared the RFP for training and outreach.
 - b. Energy Code – Testimony was heard at City Council, which included a third committee substitute. Councilmember Patterson Hazley had not introduced it to City staff or the public in time for it to be on the docket. So the chair decided to hold for another two weeks to allow it to be docketed and for the public and City employees to see it. The Energy Code was supposed to be on the agenda for Council on August 13, but it was not listed.
 - i. Jeff Williams, the previous Director of City Planning, has left the City and Mario Vasquez is the new Acting Director the City Planning. Mario Vasquez met with OEQ to discuss the code, particularly the third committee substitute. This gave OEQ the opportunity to offer feedback.
 - ii. The third committee substitute is a HERS score of 60, third-party certification, and in Section 4, there is a limit on reviewing the Energy Code no more than every three years and the HERS score can't change any more than three points in three years.
 - iii. Mayor Lucas decided to take it out of committee since it had been held for more than 30 days to bring it to full council. It is the belief that the HERS rating does not go far enough to protect the occupants of residential buildings.
 - c. Ordinance 240572 – Council committed \$500,000 to improve the efficiency, affordability and durability of existing homes. The ordinance was held and have not moved forward on this yet.
 - d. Mid-America Regional Council – OEQ received a grant to do a pilot project for composting at city permitted events. OEQ is preparing to get it ready to go through the Council and accept the grant funds.
 - i. The project is for composting at 12 events through the course of a year, two in each council district.
 - e. Feasibility Studies – We are currently conducting three feasibility studies: one on solar and two on hydropower. One is for the Missouri River and the surrounding lakes, and the other is looking at wastewater and the water supply infrastructure.
 - f. Charging Fueling Infrastructure Grant – OEQ is putting together an application to add more charging infrastructure in closer proximity to the environmental justice community.
 - g. Building Code – The Commission reviewed their comments regarding Ordinance 240434. The Commission also suggested contacting council representatives as individuals to object.
- C. Minutes – Carol Adams made a motion, seconded by Scott Klamm, to approve the meeting minutes of July 10, 2024. The motion passed.
- D. Liaison Reports
 - a. There were no liaison reports

A. Old Business

- a. The Commissioners did not discuss old business.

B. New Business

- a. There was no new business.

C. Remarks from Visitors

- b. There were no remarks from visitors

D. Adjourn

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 11, 2024- 4:00 p.m. to
6:00 p.m.

Location: Microsoft Office Teams

There will be general discussion regarding current environmental issues. The Commission may vote to go into Closed Session pursuant to RSMo Section 610.021 subsection 1 or subsection 3, during or after the meeting to discuss designated items.

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