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**Environmental Management Commission**

**Meeting Minutes for October 14, 2020**

Meeting Location: Online via Zoom

Commissioners present: Carol Adams, Scott Klamm, Nathan Madden, Marty Kraft, Caroline (Molly) Davies, Julie Koppen, Bob Berkebile, Gloria Ortiz-Fisher, Michael Kelley, D. Jensen Adams.

Commissioners Absent: Ben Proffer, Kimberly Hill, Duvel (DJ) Pierre, Joseph (Joe) Nickels.

Staff: Andy Savastino, Lara Isch, Jerry Shechter, Rachel O’Neal, Chris Hays – OEQ.

Guests: Billy Davies, Jim Turner, Don Wallace, – Sierra Club, Bridget Sanderson – Environment Missouri, Gudrun, Ilyssa Block, Makenna Dunlap, Mary Kay, Kelly Sime – Mothers Out Front, Philip Fracica – Renew Missouri, Patrick Hosty - Dynamhex, Beth Pauley – Climate & Energy Project, Emily Wolfe - MEC

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm; A quorum was not present until 4:15pm. Co-chair Carol Adams welcomed commissioners, staff, and guests.
2. Resolution 200821 - Comment to Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) re: Proposed Rule
	* As a result of the letter the EMC sent to City Council, Councilwoman Shields took the initiative to introduce resolution 200821.
	* City Manager, on behalf of the city, has until October 21, 2020 to draft and submit a formal letter to the NRC expressing concern on behalf of the City Manager's Office and the City Council.
	* 4 key issues to be addressed:
		1. Low level waste is not defined by NRC
		2. Moving materials that are currently regulated to non-regulated
		3. Community health
		4. Monitoring of soil, groundwater, etc.
	* Commission is welcome to review and add any comments to the letter.
3. Mayors for Clean Energy Pledge – Billy Davies and Ilyssa Block

Presentation: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/10Ffzpjzb24Ik8xlaR4Vyr\_wX4Sqd\_sYz58taD-05Pg8/edit?usp=sharing

* Requesting that the EMC (Environmental Management Commission) ask Mayor Lucas to commit to signing the Mayors for 100% Clean Energy pledge
* The pledge has three main components:
	+ Mayors express their support for setting aspirational goal and setting target
	+ Restates the problem we are trying to solve and why the goal is important
	+ Commit to supporting community-driven solutions
	+ Goal: getting mayors to engage in conversations about what they have done and what steps they plan to take in the future.
* 23 Missouri mayors have already signed the pledge.
* Evergy has recently released an initial sustainability plan – it noted that they have the potential to reduce the CO2 emissions 85% by 2030 compared to 2005 levels. Currently Evergy is targeting an 80% reduction in Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2050.
* This pledge is being used across the USA. Signing it shows solidarity with those signing it elsewhere. It would show the rest of the US that KCMO is doing its part in leadership to move to clean energy.

\*Bob Berkebile made a motion to draft a letter to Mayor Lucas recommending he commit to the Mayors for Clean Energy Pledge, seconded by Gloria Ortiz-Fisher. The motion passed.

1. \*Minutes – Caroline (Molly) Davies made a motion, seconded by Bob Berkebile, to approve, as presented, the minutes of the meetings of July 2020. The motion passed.

Nathan Madden made a motion, seconded by Caroline (Molly) Davies, to approve, as presented, the

minutes of the meetings of August 2020. The motion passed.

1. Office of Environmental Quality Report – Andy Savastino/Lara Isch
* City budget issues – this fiscal year the OEQ was asked to make a 4.5% cut, next fiscal year all city departments (except Aviation and Water) are being asked to further reduce the budget by 11%. OEQ staff has been working on a plan for their department.
* The City is also proposing an updated business plan (must be adopted in the next week or two)
	+ The Business Plan has three main components:
		- City strategic plan
		- Financial strategic plan
		- 5-year planning model
* The Business Plan has 4 goal areas:
	+ - Housing and Healthy Neighborhoods
		- Transportation and Infrastructure
		- Finance and governance
		- Public Safety
	+ The OEQ programs that the business plan affects are the Climate Protection Plan and Renewables Direct
* City Manager candidates have been interviewed and those recordings are available on the city website.
* Renewables Direct - Resolution #2000822 Locked in pricing and terms from Evergy. We came in under the “not to exceed number.” Expedition site is slated to be online by December of this year.
* Ordinance #2000719 – KCI will have a 25-year lease of property located at I-29 and 112th St. This property will be used for a solar station projected to generate around $800,000 for the city.
* OEQ and the Resource Management Green Team applied for a MARC solid waste grant to address a green procurement project and were awarded $44,000. This grant will help bring in a green procurement consultant and develop training materials for city staff and other municipalities in the MARC region.
* The Green Team leads are looking at webpages. They will also be putting together a presentation for the new City Manager and the KC Green Steering Committee on what the city has done, what we are doing and where we are going.
* Climate Action Planning – RFP went out on Oct 6th. Closing on Nov 2nd – preproposal meeting on Monday, October 19th. List of team members to review proposals will be put out about a week before closing.
* BTG has been researching to find additional funding on the equity piece of the Climate plan. $26,000 has been procured from Bank of America and a strong proposal has come in for an additional $35,000 to work specifically with youth from low-income neighborhoods.
* Andy had a meeting with the Mayors chief of staff – they are looking at commissions and the Mayor's office should be reaching out to commissioners by the end of the year.
1. Council Committee Monitoring Reports – No reports
2. Transportation, Infrastructure & Operations – Carol Adams, Michael Kelley, Bob Berkebile (as an advisor)
3. Finance, Governance & Public Safety – Ben Proffer
4. Neighborhood Planning & Development –Molly Davies
5. Special Committee on Housing – DJ Pierre, Bob Berkebile (advisor)
6. Business Session – Ben Proffer
7. Liaison Updates
	1. Air Quality Forum – Carol Adams – No reports
	2. Transportation 2050 Plan – Carol Adams - No reports
	3. LEED Standards Committee –Joe Nickels - No reports
	4. Waste Management District - No reports
	5. Climate Protection Steering Committee (CPSC) – Bob Berkebile – No reports
	6. Volker Hub – Molly Davies, Scott Klamm - No reports
8. Old Business
9. New Business - None
10. Remarks from Visitors
11. A general conversation between commissioners and OEQ staff followed.

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| The next EMC meeting is:  | DATE: November 18, 2020 (moved back one week due to Veteran's day)TIME: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pmPLACE: Location Pending |
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The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm.

\*Action Items.

Links provided at the meeting:

<https://kcmo.bonfirehub.com/opportunities/32610>

<https://www.evergy.com/about-evergy/newsroom/2020/august/evergy-announces-sustainability-transformation-plan>

<https://www.efis.psc.mo.gov/mpsc/commoncomponents/view_itemno_details.asp?caseno=EO-2020-004624&attach_id=2020006997>

<https://www.iea.org/reports/world-energy-outlook-2020?fbclid=IwAR1JbauNTzDYJSy6k1qImJ460Uvai6YoLmpLWH-p_hl-5IewcGn53vUayQ8>

<https://www.ft.com/content/10d8f5e8-74eb-11ea-95fe-fcd274e920ca>

<https://kcmo.bonfirehub.com/opportunities/32610>

<https://longnow.org/seminars/02003/dec/12/the-art-of-the-really-long-view/>

<https://tonicwild.blogspot.com/>