

Energy Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting, Meeting Room #116 City Hall
February 15, 2024 Meeting

PRESENT: Chairman Sean Dunn, Commissioners Mark Dickau, Derek Jones, Greg Klimek, and Sheldon Scott (Zoom).

ABSENT: Facilities Manager David Oakes, Commissioner Tom Ragaini.

ALSO PRESENT: Council Member Liaison Andrew Howe

1. Call to Order

Chairman Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Public Participation

None.

3. Approval of the Minutes

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Motion made by Commissioner Klimek and seconded by Commissioner Dickau and it was unanimously voted to approve the January 18, 2024 minutes.

Motion passed.

4. Updates by Dave Oakes – Public Facilities & Energy Manager.

Chairman Dunn provided the Commission with a brief update on Dave's behalf.

5. April 2024 SustainableCT Submission.

Chairman Dunn stated that most of the heavy lifting is already done and the City is pushing to go from Silver status to Gold with the April Submission. Dave Oakes has had several conversations with SustainableCT trying to get some of the City's past projects to count towards points.

6. Energy Plan – Next Steps

- February/March Rewrite Workshop Schedule
- EECBG Grant Review
- Residential Solar Campaign Proposal Review

The Commission discussed the February 6th workshop which was an overarching kickoff to the Energy Plan updates. Chairman Dunn provided the Commission with an overview of the current plan and ideas on how the updated plan could be structured to allow for flexibility and adaptations to changes in technology. The Commission would like the updated plan to be very clear to readers (both residential and commercial) on what they can do to lower their energy consumption and in turn reduce their personal energy costs. Commissioner Jones suggested that the Commission first focus on action items that people could do in the short term and then focus on bigger projects/action items that would take a little longer to implement. The Commission also discussed creating a platform where they could share

information and resources to the public. The next workshop will focus on a white board exercise to start developing themes and ideas.

Chairman Dunn notified the Commission that he has been in contact with Raymond Rogozinski regarding the EECBG Grant requirements. We have been preapproved for the grant but there are several steps the Commission has to take before the grant is officially rewarded.

7. Energy Efficiency Fund Discussion

- Balance - \$30,559.19
- EEF Grants Update
- Grant Submission Proposal

The Energy Commission has a process set up with the Purchasing Department for awarding EEF Grants. The Commission will have to set up a valuation system for awarding future grants through the "lottery".

8. NVCOG Proposal Review Discussion.

Chairman Dunn reminded the Commission that the NVCOG grant proposal deadline is April 15th.

9. Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Klimek seconded by Commissioner Dickau "To adjourn". Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

*Lindsey Schaffrick
Recording Secretary*