



CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION DRAFT MINUTES

Monday, March 14, 2022

Held Electronically

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Mayor Akins called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Councilors' Hyatt, Graham, Moran, DuQuenne, and Seffinger were present. Councilor Jensen was absent.

1. Public Input (15 minutes, maximum)

None.

2. Climate Policy Commission - Policy Proposals

Climate Policy Commission Chair Richard Barth presented a PowerPoint to Council (*see attached*).

Items discussed were:

- CEAP goal and definitions
- Natural gas usage
- Administrative Policy: Future use of Carbon emitting fuels in municipal facilities.
- Natural Gas Industry
- New Construction
- Replacement Process
- Benefits
- Summary
- Policy Recommendation

Council discussed Staffing.

Council discussed bringing back information on City owned land and water usage and use of potable water.

Council discussed if 5G has any correlation with CEAP.

Council directed Staff to follow the recommendation presented by Commissioner Barth and to bring back a work plan.

3. Solar Incentives Direction to Commission and City Staff (Councilor Graham)

Graham gave a staff report.

Council and Staff discussed the timeline.

Director of Electric Thomas McBartlett III explained solar incentives and policy.

4. Look Ahead

Mr. Lessard went over the Look Ahead.

Council discussed the Look Ahead.

DuQuenne moved to direct Staff direction to write an Ordinance regarding commemorative and ceremonial flags. And bring this back to the Council by May.

Council discussed options regarding ceremonial flags. **DuQuenne withdrew her motion.**

Council gave consensus to do the same ceremonial flag for Juneteenth as last year.

Council requested to bring the flag discussion to July instead of September.

Council directed Staff to bring back information regarding commemorative and ceremonial flags to a Council Business Meeting in July 2022.

Council discussed 5G. Ms. Brown explained that the Cell Tower at SOU decision has been appealed and is working its way through with LUBA.

Council directed Staff to get 5G on the Look Ahead and to bring back to a Study Session to discuss:

- Work Plan
- Legalities
- Current 5G tower that has been approved and LUBA findings

Council suggested to put information of the status of the tower on the website.

Mr. Lessard spoke that there will be revisions to the Look Ahead.

5. Adjournment

Hyatt/Seffinger moved to adjourn the Study Session. Discussion: None. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

The Study Session adjourned 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

City Recorder Melissa Huhtala

Attest:

Mayor Akins

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