



MINUTES

Committee on Intergovernmental Relations Wednesday, April 24, 2019 @ 8:00 a.m. Council Conference Room, City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Brian T. Jackson, Chairperson – Left at 8:47 a.m.
Council Member Jeremy Garza, Vice Chairperson - excused
Councilmember Kathie Dunbar, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

LaSondra Crenshaw, Council Staff
Lisa Hagen, Law Department
Mary Bowen, Law Department
Kate Madigan, Michigan Climate Action Network
Andrew Sarpolis, Sierra Club
Anna Fisher, Climate Action Plan for Lansing
Natalie Molmar – BW&L
Elaine Fischhoff, BW&L
Sharon Bannon, Citizen
Linda Keefe, Citizen
Kris Wisniewski, Citizen

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Public Comment

Introductions

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUNBAR TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 10, 2019 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 2-0

DISCUSSION – Guest Kate Madigan with Michigan Climate Action Network will have open discussion regarding Municipal Climate Action Plans.

Council Member Jackson began the meeting by providing Ms. Madigan a brief update on what the Intergovernmental Relations Committee was all about, and what they plan to accomplish.

Ms. Madigan introduced herself to the group and explained that she works for Michigan Climate Action Network, she plans to move forward with renewable energy goals, and during her presentation, she will be using Traverse City as a case study. She then introduced her colleague Mr. Sarpolis who works for Sierra Club in conjunction with the ready for 100 program.

Ms. Madigan began her presentation by showing and explaining different PowerPoint slides:

1. Why clean energy?
2. The power of 100% target settings:
3. Cities are Leading the Way
4. Benefits of Clean Energy: Create 150,000 jobs, Save 1700 lives pre year, and Save people \$11,000 per year.
5. Mayors for Clean Energy – 7 mayors so far have signed on to “Ready for 100”

Ms. Madigan then provided examples of work done so far in Traverse City:

1. Adopted Climate Action Plan in February 2011
2. 40 Solar Panels installed in April 2016 at Traverse Heights Elementary School
3. City Commission 100% by 2020 adopted in December 2016
4. Local Solar 1.2 MW – October 2017
5. Traverse City Light & Power Sets 100% Renewable Energy Goal
6. Next Steps in Traverse City: MPPA solar projects, RFP for local renewable projects, 10% Efficiency goal, Achieve through “additionally” Not Renewable Energy Credits

Keep In Mind:

1. Goals are important – think big
2. Municipally owned utility opportunity to get pro clean energy leadership
3. Low cost renewable energy there are ways to get to 100% without paying a surcharge
4. Equitable transition and everyone benefits
5. Michigan Public Power Agency works for the municipal utilities projects and advocacy at state level
6. Setting a goal helps reframe everything - a climate action plan and goal go hand in hand,
7. Efficiency is key - at the same time

Next Meeting May 22, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

Adjourned at 8:47 a.m.

Submitted by,

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Lansing City Council

Approved: July 10, 2019