

**ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof the meeting of the Environment & Sustainability Commission (ESC) of the City of Rosemount was called to order on March 8, 2022, at 5:35 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 2875 145th Street West, Rosemount.

Attendees included: Vice-Chair Victoria Schlautman, and Commissioners Taylor Sutton, Kristen Andrews, Erin Delaney, Renee Burman, Tina Angerer and Katie Koch-Laveen. Commission Chair Kim Ciresi was absent.

Staff present included the following;

- City Engineer Erickson and Stormwater Specialist Byron

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

Motion by Delaney **Second** by Koch-Laveen

Motion to approve the agenda.

Ayes: 7.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Delaney **Second** by Angerer

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2022 Environment and Sustainability Commission meeting.

Ayes: 7.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

OLD BUSINESS

5.a. 2022 Goals Delegation & Updates

Stormwater Specialist Byron updated the commission that on the industrial air permitting process and that it is open for public comment. Commissioners Andrews and Ciresi will look into the air permitting process and report back to the commissioner at a future meeting.

Commissioner Angerer added that she has a contact at the League of Minnesota Cities to help the City advance to the next step in GreenStep Cities certification program. At a future meeting, Commissioner Angerer will present the best “green” practices related to the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program.

5.b. 2022 Education & Outreach Calendar

Commissioner Delaney created a coloring sheet for the “No Mow May” campaign. Commissioner Delaney requested that a space be available in the City Hall lobby for residents to mail in or drop off their complete coloring sheets and have them displayed for public viewing.

Motion by Sutton **Second** by Koch-Laveen

Motion to approve the April blog post.

Ayes: 7.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

6.a. Home Expo Recap

Commissioner Koch-Laveen highlighted how well the lightbulb kits went over at the Home Expo event. The public was pleased to hear that there will be an organics drop site in Rosemount in the near future.

6.b. No Mow May Discussion

Stormwater Specialist Byron provided a brief overview of the No Mow May campaign. Staff has been discussing the City's weed ordinance and potential abandoned properties. Staff will be recommending the No Mow May proclamation at the April 19th City Council Meeting. Byron explained that during the month of May the City's Public Works Department will continue to mow to areas on an as needed basis, such as athletic fields.

Motion by Delaney **Second** Andrews

Motion to recommend City Council approval of No Mow May.

Ayes: 7.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

6.c. Adopt-A-Drain

Stormwater Specialist Bryon presented to the commission the Adopt-A-Drain campaign. The City is currently a partner of Metro Watershed Partners/Clean Water MN. The campaign was created to encourage residents to help clean out storm drains in their neighborhoods. Residents are able to log into the website and "adopt" a drain. Adopting a drain means cleaning out the leaves, trash, and other debris to reduce water pollution.

Commissioner Burman asked staff with the City would be able to provide tools or stencils when drains are adopted. Commissioner Delaney recommended that residents could send in pictures of chalk decorated drains to promote the campaign. Commissioners requested to discuss this item further at the April meeting.

6.d. Leprechaun Days Booth

Commissioners plan to promote the Adopt-A-Drain campaign. Commissioners discussed potential table topics to have prepared. Staff will coordinate the ESC's booth with City Council's booth when city staff starts their planning.

Motion by Burman **Second** by Andrews

Motion to approve the participation in the Leprechaun Days Midsummer Faire on July 29 and July 30, 2022.

Ayes: 7.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

6.e. Change Meeting Dates – August & November

Commissioners discussed weekday availability to change August and November meeting dates due to scheduling conflicts with 2022 election dates.

Motion by Angerer **Second** by Schlautman

Motion to change the August regular meeting date to August 17, 2022.

Ayes: 7.

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Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Schlautman **Second** by Delaney

Motion to change the November regular meeting date to November 14, 2022.

Ayes: 7.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stormwater Specialist Byron recognized Commissioner Katie Koch-Laveen and Youth Commissioner Taylor Sutton as it was their last meetings and thanked them for their service. Byron requested that if any of the commissioners know of anyone interested in applying to be on a City Commissioner to have them do so.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

8.a. Set Next Meeting Agenda for April 12, 2022

- Air Quality Permitting Overview
- LEED Presentations for City Green Best Practices

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Environment & Sustainability Commission and upon a motion by Schlautman and a second by Koch-Laveen the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Paque
Recording Secretary