

**Roseville Public Works, Environment
and Transportation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Roseville, Minnesota 55113

*Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13.D.021, Public Works, Environment
and Transportation Commission members, City Staff, and members of the
public participated in this meeting electronically due to the
COVID-19 pandemic.*

1. Introduction / Roll Call

Chair Wozniak called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. and at his request, Public Works Director Marc Culver called the roll.

Present: Chair Joe Wozniak; Vice Chair Karen Huiett; and Members Michael Joyce, Jarrod Cicha, Nancy Misra, and Youth Commissioner Jana Lynch

Absent: Member Stephanie Hammer and Shane Spencer (Excused)

Staff Present: Public Works Director Marc Culver; City Engineer/Assistant Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer

2. Public Comments

3. Approval of January 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Comments and corrections to draft minutes had been submitted by PWETC commissioners prior to tonight's meeting and those revisions incorporated into the draft presented in meeting materials.

Motion

Member Huiett moved, Member Wozniak seconded, approval of the January 26, 2021 meeting minutes as presented.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

4. Communication Items

City Engineer Jesse Freihammer provided a brief review and update on projects and maintenance activities listed in the staff report dated February 23, 2021.

Public Works Director Marc Culver updated the Commission on the Recycling RFP that went before the City Council on February 22, 2021.

Chair Wozniak inquired about the City's role is with the residential frozen pipes. He thought the City attended to those when it occurs.

Mr. Culver explained how the City handles frozen pipes within the City.

Chair Wozniak mentioned the stormwater improvements for Saint Rose of Lima parking lot and repairs/replacement of the Galtier Lift Station projects. He thought of some opportunities for field trips for the Commission later in 2021.

Mr. Culver thought that was a good idea. He also recommended a trip to the booster station. He noted staff can arrange a tour to visit some of the sites.

5. Partners in Energy Update

Environmental Manager Ryan Johnson introduced the Partners in Energy update.

Mr. Jake Sedlacek, Community Relations Manager, Xcel Energy, and Mr. Mike Holsinger, Lead Facilitator from the Center of Energy and Environment made a presentation to the Commission.

Member Joyce explained he had a question regarding peak demand charges with EV car charging and he did not think EV car charging was something that was being done in Roseville. It was mentioned that EV cars are being charged overnight and he wondered if there are any saver switches or any peak times those should not be charging. He wondered how those worked.

Mr. Holsinger indicated the switches are still in use and actually there are some new advances as well. He introduced Ms. Tammy Gunderzik to the Commission.

Ms. Gunderzik discussed electrical vehicle programs that Xcel is working on.

Mr. Culver thought as the City progresses with the Xcel Energy Team, staff will learn more about some of the opportunities. He indicated he was very interested in how the City can work with Xcel Energy to propagate charging stations around the City. He noted the City would love to put a couple in the parking lot but would like to get someone to pay for them or at least help with the costs. He was also interested in how the City can work with businesses to get more charging stations which will motivate people to look more closely at electric vehicles.

Ms. Gunderzik indicated that may be in the next stage of the Xcel Energy Team focus. She noted some grant opportunities the City could apply for in the future.

Member Cicha wondered if Xcel Energy had any idea on how COVID-19 is influencing the energy burden in Roseville or on a larger scale.

Mr. Holsinger explained the Department of Energy resource for calculating that and getting at the information specific to Roseville is limited. He wished it were more real time and more of a finely tuned instrument. There is information on homeownership versus rent, multi-family versus single-family and things of that nature but Xcel Energy does not have anything that is going to be as timely to allow them to look at the impact of one years' worth of events, positive or negative.

Chair Wozniak asked in other service areas has Xcel Energy partnered with either car dealerships or manufacturers to encourage or promote more charging stations for EV vehicles.

Ms. Gunderzik explained Xcel Energy is excited with its EV Group because it has a Channel Trade Manager who works with the EV dealerships. His focus is not so much EV charging stations but making sure they are getting more EV's and a greater variety stocked in the service territories.

Chair Wozniak asked if Xcel Energy was aware of any conversations or programs with any communities where Xcel is working with the community to look at the community's codes and outreach efforts in order to inform commercial and residential customers of requirements for EV charging on the premises.

Ms. Gunderzik indicated she was not aware of anything like that. There are programs for leasing and Xcel will install the EV chargers.

Chair Wozniak thanked Xcel Energy representatives for their presentation.

6. Annual Green Team Update

Mr. Johnson indicated the PWETC is the Green Team for Roseville. He updated the Commission on the program highlights that are reviewed on the Green Team.

Mr. Johnson introduced Mr. Will Ristow, Green Corp Member, who presented the projects he has been working on.

Member Misra asked how many participants are in the program right now and it is where it is expected to be at this point.

Mr. Ristow indicated the program is not currently in effect. The workshops are being used as a way to meet with the businesses and get them onboard. He noted

a couple of businesses have reached out to him to find out how to get on board. He will start pushing outreach now that the workshops are set up.

Chair Wozniak thanked Mr. Ristow on the presentation and looked forward to hearing more about the benchmarking efforts as the work continues.

7. Minnesota GreenCorps Member Update

8. Items for Next Meeting – March 2021

Discussion ensued regarding the March PWETC agenda:

- Railroad Quiet Zone Report
- Update on Community Solar and solar related developments
- Roseville Demographics in Equity for Commissions to discuss

9. Adjourn

Motion

Member Misra moved, Member Joyce seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 8:33 p.m.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion carried.