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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, August 18, 2008

4:45 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 108, City-County Building.
Meets the 3rd Monday of the month.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 5 -
Lori O. Grant; Larry Palm; Michael W. Rewey; Jonathan H. Standridge and
Roger T. Bannerman

Absent: 1 -
Reginald N. Weide

Excused: 3 -
Bill Sonzogni; Bruce C. Dickie and Keith W. Pierce

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Bannerman, seconded by Grant, to Approve the Minutes . The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [05291](#) Approving the report of the Salt Use Subcommittee to the City's Commission on the Environment and adopting the recommendations of the report.

A motion was made by Palm, seconded by Bannerman, to Refer to the COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT and should be returned by 9/22/2008. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Alder Palm summarized the previous actions taken with the report as well as the proposed text edits in the Substitute Resolution that will accept the report and make specific recommendations for implementing the report. The report itself has not been changed. Most of the edits to the recommendations in the Resolution were minor; the biggest changes included removing the recommendation to reduce salt use to 100 pounds per lane mile in the City of Madison. It is the intent of the Mayor's Office to work with the Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission and other municipalities to establish a broader salt reduction program (not just in the City of Madison). Language to involve other municipalities was also added to the Substitute Resolution.

Al Schumacher, City of Madison Street Superintendent, reported that the City Attorney's office is drafting ordinance language that would require private salt applicators to be licensed, which is one the recommendations from the report.

Also, the Streets Division will be trying anti-icing techniques this coming winter with new city-owned equipment. He also wanted to make the point that the application rate is not the key issue; rather, it is the total application amount (rate and number of passes).

Commissioner Bannerman, who worked on the road salt use subcommittee, agreed to speak at the next Madison Municipal Stormwater Partnership meeting regarding road salt use.

2. [11480](#) Accepting the Conservation and Sustainability Plan of the Madison Water Utility and its recommendations.

A motion was made by Palm, seconded by Grant, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the WATER UTILITY BOARD. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

The recommendations from the plan were summarized, including a goal of 20% residential water use reduction by 2020, implementation of a high-efficiency toilet rebate, incorporation of a conservation rate structure (pending approval by the PSC), possible outdoor irrigation ordinance, and requiring an approved landscape plan in conjunction with new or major redevelopment. Discussion included the fact that increased water conservation may lead to increased water utility rates.

REPORTS

3. [08477](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

None

4. [08478](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:

None

5. [08479](#) REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Not present

6. [08481](#) REPORT FROM EROSION CONTROL SUBCOMMITTEE:

Continuing to meet; working on details of proposed changes.

7. [08435](#) REPORT OF PLASTIC BAG SUBCOMMITTEE

Had first meeting (August 1); group's intention is to focus on education before proposing a ban on plastic bags. Next meeting will be in September.

8. [08482](#) REPORT FROM STAFF:

The proposal to ban outdoor wood boilers was sent to the Sustainable Design & Energy committee for input.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Rewey, seconded by Bannerman, to Adjourn . The motion passed by voice vote/other.