

**Energy Commission
Minutes of Special Meeting, City Hall West– Meeting Room #2
March 16, 2023 Meeting**

PRESENT: Chairman Sean Dunn, Commissioners Dave Butkus, and Tom Ragaini.

ABSENT: Commissioner Jeff Andrade, and Sheldon Scott.

ALSO PRESENT: Andrew Howe, City Council Liaison

David Oakes, Facilities Manager

1. Call to Order

Chairman Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Public Participation

None. Chairman Dunn informed the Commission of the resignations of Commissioner Hintz and Commissioner Jones.

3. Approval of Minutes

- January 19, 2023 Meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Butkus and seconded by Commissioner Ragaini and it was unanimously voted to approve the January 19, 2023 minutes.

Motion passed.

- February 16, 2022 Meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Butkus and seconded by Commissioner Ragaini and it was unanimously voted to approve the February 16, 2022 minutes.

Motion passed.

4. Connecticut Green Bank Webinar Review.

Chairman Dunn and David Oakes attended a recent webinar for CT Green Bank and will email several links to the rest of the Commission. Chairman Dunn provided a brief overview of the organization and their major initiatives.

5. Updates by Dave Oakes – Public Facilities & Energy Manager

- Sustainable CT – The application is due in April. This is not a hard deadline, but Dave is hopeful that we will receive feedback and be able to fill in any gaps as needed. Dave is still reaching out to City Boards and Commissions to push the equity trainings. There are also a number of workshops lined up that will help the City gain points.
- FH 3- Silver Petrucelli was awarded the contract. The Commission discussed possibly having the Fire Chief come in for a meeting to give an overview of the EUI projection.

- EV Charging Stations - Dave is still working with the City Engineer on finding locations for EV charging stations.
- CCM - Dave and Peter Fusco met with CCM recently regarding LED Lighting. CCM also has funding for EV charging stations.
- Salt Dome – The LED Lighting update has been completed. There is a noticeable difference and the cite is much safer.
- Rich Farms – Richa Farms is looking to install an EV charging station. There should be opportunities for federal funding.

6. Energy Plan – Next Steps

The Commission would like to schedule several tours/Special Meetings over the next few months. One suggestion was the WPC lant because it is a big consumer of energy. May/June would be ideal months to schedule these tours.

7. Energy Efficiency Fund Discussion

- Balance - \$36,836.58

Chairman Dunn asked if that any Commissioner knows of a new or existing business that may be interested in applying for an EEF Grant, to bring them forward. The Commission will work to connect any businesses with ECD to get the process started.

8. Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Butkus seconded by Commissioner Ragaini "To adjourn". Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

*Lindsey Schaffrick
Recording Secretary*