

Energy Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 18, 2021 Zoom Meeting

PRESENT: Sean Dunn, Karen Hintz, Jack Ferraro, Sheldon Scott, Tom Ragaini

ABSENT: Dave Butkus and Jeff Andrade

ALSO PRESENT: Orlando Calfe, Greg Hahn (entered at 7:15 pm) and Ray Rogozinski (entered at 7:15 pm)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. Public Participation

None

3. Approval of the regular meeting minutes – February 18, 2021

Commissioner Ragaini made a motion seconded by Commissioner Ferraro “to approve the minutes from February 18, 2021.” Motion approved.

4. Updates by Dave Oakes, Public Facilities & Energy Manager

Updates were provided by Ray Rogozinski, Director of Public Works in Dave Oakes absence.

-LED Lighting is being explored at the City’s salt dome

-Van Zelm is completing the HVAC study for upgrades at the Police Complex requested through the Capital Improvement Plan

-The City had a conference call with to discuss potential fuel cell project in the downtown area to potentially establish a microgrid

-Ray did reach out to NVCOG to facilitate a meeting, the Director had a family issue so hopefully next month they can meet with the Commission. The Director and a Staff member would be available as a resource for the Energy Commission to update the Commission on resources they have available to participating towns. Chairman Dunn stated CMEEC will also attend a future meeting.

Chairman Dunn updated the Commission on Jen’s All Heart award at the City Council meeting. Sean discussed fuel cell installations at Brownfields which is under consideration by the legislation currently, it has a tight timeline by August that the City is exploring. The City may also explore fuel cells with the development of Depot Square.

5. Update on Landfill Solar Array

Ray Rogozinski provided an update on the solar array project. The preferred solar developer has submitted an application to the state. Ray discussed the lease agreement and virtual net metering with the City accounts for the solar array. The legislation needs to pass the bill to expand the virtual net metering to assist with this project.

6. Energy Plan – Next Phase

Chairman Dunn is going to look for upcoming opportunities for a workshop to start the framework discussion for the industrial, institutional and commercial side of the Energy Plan. Commissioner Hintz stated historically there has been some incentive for businesses. Larger corporations such as ESPN have their own priorities. The key would be to build relationships with internal people and build upon them.

Orlando Calfe question if the Commission has taken the Energy Plan and rolled it out to larger business owners such as Bristol Plaza to make energy improvements. Sean stated no, but that may be the next phase. Ray stated Public Works does work closely with the Economic Development Office.

7. Any Other Business

8. Adjournment

Commissioner Hintz made a motion seconded by Commissioner Ferraro “to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.” Motion approved.

Jodi A. McGrane
Recording Secretary