

**Energy Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting, Bristol Public Library– Meeting Room #3
March 16, 2023 Meeting**

PRESENT: Chairman Sean Dunn, Commissioners Mark Dickau, Tom Ragaini, and Sheldon Scott.

ABSENT: Commissioner Jeff Andrade, and Dave Butkus.

ALSO PRESENT: Andrew Howe, City Council Liaison

David Oakes, Facilities Manager

1. Call to Order

Chairman Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. New Member Introduction

- Mark Dickau

Chairman Dunn welcomed Commissioner Dickau to the Energy Commission.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. Approval of the Minutes

- March 16, 2023 Meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Ragaini and seconded by Commissioner Scott and it was unanimously voted to approve the March 16, 2023 minutes.

Motion passed.

5. Energia MOU Discussion

- Presentation by Energia

Rob Sullivent and Renee Fassano from Energia gave a brief presentation and reiterated many of the points that were made in the December 2022 presentation to the Commission. The Mayor and Council Member Howe met with staff from Energia earlier this year and drafted an MOU regarding the initial energy assessment to be forwarded to Corporation Counsel for review.

Motion made by Commissioner Ragaini and seconded by Commissioner Scott and it was unanimously voted to forward the Energia MOU to Corporation Counsel for review.

Motion passed.

The Commission discussed the pros and cons of working with Energia and having them perform the initial energy assessment.

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

- Sustainable CT – The 1st application was submitted and the City received 485 points. The 2nd application is due in August. Silver certification requires 500 points and gold certification requires 750 points. Dave reviewed the goals we are still working towards and areas that could use improvement based on the first application. There will be a Sustainable CT fellow starting in the summer. Chairman Dunn reiterated that Dave has the full support of the Commission.
- Fire House 2- The generator was originally supposed to arrive in late summer but it was received earlier than scheduled.
- EV Charging Stations- The Commission discussed grant funding available for EV charging stations throughout Bristol and Downtown.
- Rebates- Dave gave a brief overview of anticipated rebates.

7. Energy Plan – Next Steps

- Review of Next Target Goals

Chairman Dunn reviewed the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) application with the Commission. There is about \$120,000 available. The Commission needs to be in the process of making updates to the Energy Plan to qualify. Chairman Dunn will forward the applicable documents to the Commission so they can be reviewed before the next meeting.

8. Energy Efficiency Fund Discussion

- Balance - \$36,836.58
- EEF Grants Update

Rich Farms- Chairman Dunn provided an overview of their overall project and mentioned that they will be installing EV charging stations.

Shepard Meadows- Chairman Dunn was able to take a tour of the Shepard Meadow facilities with City Staff to see the improvements they were able to make with the ARPA funds.

9. Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Dickau seconded by Commissioner Scott "To adjourn". Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

*Lindsey Schaffrick
Recording Secretary*