



Commission on Climate, Energy and Sustainability

Thursday, October 26, 2023, 3:30 PM - 5 PM

This meeting was held virtually to on Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Approved November 16, 2023

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:34 PM by Chair Jim Sell

Present:

Vanessa Gallego	Representative, Ward 1
Ojas Sanghi	Representative, Ward 3
David Garcia	Representative, Ward 5
Jim Sell	Representative, Ward 6
Alma Anides Morales	Representative, Mayor's Office
Garrett Weaver	Representative, City Manager's Office
John Eisele	Representative, City Manager's Office Environmental Organization Combating & Adapting to Climate Change

Staff Members & Guests:

Michael Catanzaro	Energy Manager, Environmental & General Services Department (EGSD)
Tahnee Robertson	Southwest Decision Research
Colleen Whitaker	southwest Decision Research

Absent:

Adriana Bachmann	Representative, Ward 2
Camila Martins-Bekat	Representative, City Manager, Tucson Electric Power

2) Call to Audience - No response

3) Approval of Minutes (September 28).

September 28 minutes approval: Motion by Commissioner Eisele, second Comm. Weaver. Motion passed unanimously.

4) Report from the Chair. The primary task for this meeting was to prepare for the retreat. It must also be noted that a communication from the State Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee That the Arizona Corporation Commission is considering a change in the export rates that solar energy providers receive from the sale of their solar electricity.

5) Subcommittee Reports.

1. Accountability Subcommittee. Tahnee Robertson and Colleen Whitaker, consultants for the retreat. Retreat date is set for November 4, 9am- 1pm.. The agenda was refined and ready for posting. The primary change was the invitation to Fatima Luna, Chief Sustainability Officer for the City and request that she speak to the commissioners about her priorities. Mr. Catanzaro volunteered to send a location map and Comm. Gallego organized a potluck lunch.

2. Microgrid Subcommittee. The report was received by the City Council. Comms. Weaver and Sell spoke to the City Council on October 3 about the uses of microgrids for both greenhouse gas reduction and community preparation for heat stress. The Microgrid Subcommittee will stay convened for possible follow up needs.

7) Plan Tucson Workshops. The second sessions were underway. The primary activities were to set policy goals within the larger goal structure. The Climate, Water, and Green Infrastructure group found much overlap in goals and need for consolidation.

8) Call to Audience. No response.

10) Future Agenda Items-
Legal Issues

11) Adjournment by Chair Sell at 4:22 PM