



Commission on Climate, Energy, and Sustainability Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Conference Room
City Council Ward 6
3202 E. 1st Street
Tucson, Arizona, 85716

Meeting Minutes

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:01 by Chair Jim Sell

Present:

Ojas Sanghi (remote, Teams, left at 1:30)	Representative, Ward 3
Katy Brown (remote, Teams)	Representative, City Manager
Adriana Bachmann (remote, Teams)	Representative, Ward 2
Manon Getsi (remote, Teams)	Representative, Ward 5
Dan Stormont (In-person)	Representative, City Manager
Garrett Weaver (in-person)	Representative, City Manager
Jim Sell (in-person)	Representative, Ward 6

Staff Members & Guests:

Andrew Christopher	Tucson Pima County Historical Commission
Michael Catanzaro	Energy Manager, Environmental & General Services Department (EGSD)

Absent:

Vanessa Gallego	Representative, Ward 1
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2) Call to Audience

Andrew Christopher working on an ordinance on deconstruction. Have stricter requirements on destroying buildings. Looking at historical preservation, but may have sustainability implications as well. Will formally set up that working group at next historical commission. Will be meeting waste management groups and others.

Chair Sell said he is interested in cross fertilization.

3) Approval of Minutes (March 26)

Chair Sell, Comm. Brown, Comm. Bachmann provided feedback.
Comm. Stormont motioned to approve,
Comm. Bachmann seconded.
Motion carries by consent.

4) Report from the Chair

Chair Sell Reported on environmental education.

Three large things are occurring. Plan Tucson, Franchise Agreement, and Energy Sourcing Study. Public is not considering them separately.

Reported that Plan Tucson Subcommittee has produced a letter.

5) Plan Tucson Subcommittee

Comm. Stormont reported on the draft Plan Tucson letter.

Comm. Weaver recommended putting the recommendations at the beginning of each bulleted item.

Comm. Brown recommended bolding the recommendations.

Comm. Stormont made the changes and put the explanations as a sub bullet

Chair Sell Planning Commission recommended that an annual report on the progress report also be given.

Comm. Brown appreciated the explanations in the document.

EM Catanzaro reported that the May 20th Mayor and Council meeting is when language will be officially adopted.

Comm. Getsi suggested having a time blocked off for subcommittee meetings.

Chair Sell suggested having a meeting two weeks away from the main meeting blocked off could be good.

6) Franchise Subcommittee

Comm. Weaver presented the current report state on the Franchise Agreement.

Comm. Stormont commented on line siting, asked to have it be addressed in the report.

Comm. Brown agreed to research transmission lines and undergrounding.

Discussion of Investor Owned Utility Model.

7) Outreach Subcommittee

Comm. Bachmann reported that the committee did not have a meeting this week. Deferred the outreach committee meeting this month.

Reported that the committee did attend Pima Community College Climate Community Day.

Comm. Bachmann, Comm. Sanghi, Comm. Sell, Comm. Stormont, and Comm. Brown, attended.

Spoke with members at community day. Let people know that we have vacancies that we needed to fill.

Had one person come to the table who was interested in joining the commission.

8) Energy Manager Report

EM Catanzaro reported on meetings and events coming up on energy.

Reported that the Letter of Intent was signed on the Franchise Agreement.

Energy Sourcing Study looking at municipalization, Community Choice Aggregation, Microgrids, VPPA/SSA. It is an economic analysis. It's a go/no go analysis.

Reported on new Energy Future Townhalls, Two sessions in English, Two sessions in Spanish.
April 30, May 1, May 7, May 9th.

Energy Sourcing study, April 29th. 12:30 - 2:30. Release the report on Friday.

Draft GDS report was sent to Mayor and Council today.

Comm. Stormont reported that bitly link on Energy Future did not work.

9) Climate Resilience Report - None

10) Nominations for CCES Chair

May 21st is Chair Sells last day as Chair.

Comm. Bachmann nominated Comm. Stormont.

Comm. Getsi seconded the nomination.

EM Catanzaro said we will keep the nomination period open if there are any more nominations.

11) Call to Audience - None

12) Future Agenda items.

Commissioners agreed to meet on May 14th at 2:00 - 4:00 to approve two subcommittee reports.

There was discussion of looking at deconstruction ordinance.

Something from Boards and Commissions on rules and review.

There was discussion of discussing lifting term limits, with no agreement to take action on the topic.

13) Adjournment - Chair Sell adjourned the meeting at 2:53 PM