



## **Commission on Climate, Energy, and Sustainability** **Wednesday, August 13, 2025, 2:00 PM - 4:00 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 2:02 by Chair Stormont

#### **Present:**

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| Dan Stormont (in person)             | Representative, City Manager |
| Adriana Bachmann (in person)         | Representative, Ward 2       |
| Jim Sell (remote, Teams)             | Representative, Ward 6       |
| Camila Martins-Bekat (remote, Teams) | Representative, City Manager |
| Manon Getsi (in person)              | Representative, Ward 5       |
| Garrett Weaver (remote, Teams)       | Representative, City Manager |
| Katy Brown (in person)               | Representative, City Manager |

#### **Staff Members & Guests:**

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| Michael Catanzaro | Energy Manager, Environmental & General Services<br>Department (EGSD) |
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#### **Absent:**

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| Ojas Sanghi     | Representative, Ward 3 |
| Vanessa Gallego | Representative, Ward 1 |

#### **2) Approval of Minutes (July 9)**

Comm. Bachmann motioned to approve the minutes.

Comm. Sell seconded the motion.

Motion passed, minutes approved.

#### **3) Report from the Chair**

Chair Stormont Reported that Project Blue is not coming to the Southeast Employment and Logistics Center. Mayor and Council want to have guidelines on future development.

#### **4) Proposed Action to Manage Data Centers Responsibly in Tucson**

Chair Stormont reported on research on Project Blue.

Comm. Martins-Bekat clarified how utilities pay for infrastructure and how rates are increased.

Comm. Sell indicated that transparency on how resources are provided to projects like Project Blue is something the commission should look at.

There was discussion on how energy usage is tracked and how TEP procures energy.

Comm. Sell suggested looking at other data centers in the state. Also brought up the possibility of using geothermal cooling.

Discussions of golf courses and reduction of heat index.

Discussion of working on recommendations to make guidelines for industrial development.

Comm. Martins-Bekat, Comm. Brown, and Comm. Sell indicated they are interested in looking into data centers.

There was agreement that the commission would meet during the monthly reserved time for subcommittee meetings.

### **5) Energy Sourcing Study Update**

Looking at impact of the One Big Beautiful Bill. There was concern that OBBB would reduce the economic viability of proposals under the GDS Associate report, but the reduction in tax incentives are offset by the TEP rate increase.

### **6) Subcommittee Reports**

Chair Stormont reported that the GSI Subcommittee met, reported that next month there will be another meeting.

Comm. Bachmann reported that the Community Engagement and Outreach committee has not met. Plans to meet again soon.

Comm. Weaver reported that the Franchise agreement subcommittee has not met.

### **7) Call to Audience - None**

### **8) Future Agenda items**

Comm. Brown suggested having a presentation by Boards and Commissions about rules.

Comm. Getsi asked about ordinances for protecting old growth trees.

Comm. Weaver recited previous agenda items from last meeting, which were:

- Comm. Sell suggested looking at key performance indicators.
- Comm. Sell suggested we should follow up on Microgrids, Energy Sourcing Study, and municipalization.
- Chair Stormont said he will look at data centers.

- Comm. Sanghi indicated support in looking at the data center.
- Comm. Brown supports discussing KPIs (Key performance indicators), Energy Sourcing Study, and Data Centers. Also asked for a future discussion on energy, climate, employment nexus.

Chair Stormont reported that he has talked to Fatima Luna about KPIs.

There was agreement among commissioners to switch the next GSI meeting time to a special full commission meeting on data centers.

**9) Adjournment - Chair Stormont adjourned the meeting at 3:32**