



Commission on Climate, Energy, and Sustainability Wednesday, March 26, 2025, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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

Legal Action Report

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:05 by Chair Jim Sell

Present:

Jim Sell (in-person)	Representative, Ward 6
Garrett Weaver (in-person)	Representative, City Manager
Katy Brown (in-person)	Representative, City Manager
Manon Getsi (in-person)	Representative, Ward 5
Adriana Bachmann (remote, Teams)	Representative, Ward 2
Dan Stormont (remote, Teams)	Representative, City Manager
Vanessa Gallego (remote, Teams)	Representative, Ward 1
Camila Martins-Bekat (remote, Teams)	Representative, City Manager, Tucson Electric Power

Staff Members & Guests:

Michael Catanzaro	Energy Manager, Environmental & General Services Department (EGSD)
Jane Conlin	GreaterTucson Climate Coalition
Bruce Plenk	GreaterTucson Climate Coalition
Tres English	GreaterTucson Climate Coalition
Ron Proctor	GreaterTucson Climate Coalition
Cesar Acosta	PDS
Amanda Smith	PDS
Erick Bieber	City of Tucson Intern
Ian Wan	PDS

Absent:

Ojas Sanghi	Representative, Ward 3
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2) Call to Audience - None

3) Approval of Minutes (February 26)

Comm. Getsi motioned to approve.

Comm. Bachmann seconded.

Minutes approved.

4) Report from the Chair - None

5) Annual Report

Chair Sell and Comm. Bachmann agreed to remove the mention of the calendar as amended.

Comm. Bachmann motioned to approve.

Comm. Stormont seconded.

The motion passed unanimously, no objections.

6) Plan Tucson — Cesar Acosta, Amanda Smith, Ian Wan - None

7) Tucson Climate Coalition — Jane Conlin

Jane Conlin Indicated she was grateful for work of the commission and the city. Cities across the country have implemented sustainability with franchise agreements.

Ron Proctor reported he was co-chair of the climate change committee. Identified that franchise agreement is a leverage point for sustainability. TEP is the largest emitter in the region. San Diego had \$70m bid from the utility for franchise agreement bid.

TEP \$259m in profit in 2023, \$6.5B profit over 25 years.

2.25% of revenues for City from franchise agreement. It's passed along to ratepayers. Allowed by the ACC. Mentioned tracking tools. There should be a climate equity fund.

Chair Sell asked if the cities have a franchise tax.

Ron reported that there are a variety of funding mechanisms.

A subcommittee was appointed to make recommendations to Mayor and Council for Plan Tucson.

Comm. Stormont, Comm. Brown, and Comm. Getsi were selected

Tres English addressed the commission. Reported TEP is the most important player in a sustainability, both as emitter and as an enabler on electrification.

TEP is vulnerable to disruptions due to climate change. Blackouts are a serious problem. 2 day blackout in Phoenix, 8k people would die.

Emergency centers should be in the franchise agreement.

Bruce Plenk, addressed the commission, used to be on the commission. Reported that 412 failed two years ago. Get info to the council. Reported that GDS Associates has been hosted by the commission.

Comm. Weaver moved to form a subcommittee on Franchise agreements

Comm. Brown. Seconded.

Motion passed, without objections.

Chair Sell agreed with forming a Franchise subcommittee and put Comm. Weaver, Comm. Gallego, Comm. Brown, Comm. Martins-Bekat on the subcommittee.

8) Outreach Committee — Climate Community Day, April 8

Comm. Ghetsi asked about email address for Bio.

EM Catanzaro said to send all information to him.

9) Energy Manager Report - None

10) Climate Resilience Report - None

11) Call to Audience - None

12) Future Agenda Items

Comm. Brown wants to learn more about solar rooftop limits.

Comm. Brown wants to look at EN-ROADS simulator by climate interactive.

Comm. Getsi suggested having a thermometer to track heat index.

13) Adjournment - Chair Sell Adjourned the meeting at 4:01.