



Commission on Climate, Energy, and Sustainability Wednesday, July 9, 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 2:01 by Chair Stormont

Present:

Dan Stormont (remote, Teams)
Jim Sell (remote, Teams)
Ojas Sanghi (remote, Teams)
Adriana Bachmann (remote, Teams)
Garrett Weaver (remote, Teams)
Katy Brown (remote, Teams)

Representative, City Manager
Representative, Ward 6
Representative, Ward 3
Representative, Ward 2
Representative, City Manager
Representative, City Manager

Staff Members & Guests:

Michael Catanzaro

Energy Manager, Environmental & General Services
Department (EGSD)

Elaina Richards
Reed Christopher Spurling
Krista Hotten
Ori Green

Absent:

Vanessa Gallego
Manon Getsi
Camila Martins-Bekat

Representative, Ward 1
Representative, Ward 5
Representative, City Manager

2) Call to Audience - None

3) Approval of Minutes (June 11)

Discussion of length of minutes. Agreement was reached that minutes should be shorter.
Agreement was reached that June minutes should be updated with Chair Stormont's updates and minutes should be shorter going forward.

Comm. Brown moved to approve the minutes.

Comm. Bachmann seconded.

Minutes approved.

4) Report from the Chair

Chair Stormont reported that he is reaching out to Mayor and Council to get feedback on where they would like to see the commission go.

Reported that this meeting was still scheduled to approve a letter regarding Sun Tran Route 5.

5) M&C Letter about Discontinuation of Sun Tran Route 5

Comm. Sell commented on the process of bringing the minutes to the commission.

The Commission reviewed the letter about the Discontinuation of Sun Tran Route 5.

There was discussion of template report format.

Commissioners agreed to have the names of all commission members on the Sun Tran Route 5 report to Mayor and Council.

Commissioners agreed that the process to send letters to Mayor and Council will be to email the council offices and follow up the next business day.

Comm. Brown motioned to approve by putting our recommendations at the top.

Comm. Bachmann Seconded.

Roll call vote was unanimous.

6) Subcommittee Reports

Comm. Weaver reported that the Franchise agreement is not moving forward in November. The subcommittee did not meet since the last commission meeting.

There was a discussion of Project Blue and utility rate increases.

Comm. Bachmann will be scheduling a meeting with the engagement subcommittee in the next month.

7) Energy Manager Report

EM Catanzaro reported that the city is continuing to negotiate with TEP. Signed a green tariff agreement yesterday. Looking at implications of The One Big Beautiful Bill, and end of federal tax incentives for energy sourcing study. Reported that there are major implications for costs in that legislation.

8) Call to Audience

Krista Hotten - Expressed concerns with Project Blue data center. Concerned with asthma risk. Concerned with TEP saying they will not raise rates. Concerned with the number of data centers.

Elaina Richards - Concerned with the data center, concerned with Title V permitting, it may impact other businesses that are not the data centers, can impact ozone. Concerned with energy use.

Ori Green - Concerned with the data center. Concerned with board of supervisors not knowing much information. Concerned with water use. Concerned with the secrecy of the project. Made point that reclaimed water is needed for other uses.

9) Future Agenda items

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, Energy Sourcing Study, and Data Centers. Also asked for a future discussion on energy, climate, employment nexus.

Chair Stormont indicated that next meeting there will be a Data Center discussion and a discussion on the Energy Sourcing Study & Microgrid.

10) Adjournment - Chair Stormont adjourned the meeting at 3:20