

**Thursday, July 9, 2026, 4-6pm
City Council Ward 6
3202 E 1st Street
Tucson, AZ 85716**

Meeting Minutes**1) Call to order/Roll call**

Quorum achieved and meeting called to order by Chair Stormont at 4:02pm.

Members present

Dan Stormont (in-person)	Representative, City Manager, Chairperson
Adriana Bachmann	Representative, Ward 2, Vice-Chairperson (in-person)
Katy Brown (in-person)	Environmental Org Representative, City Manager
Garrett Weaver	Representative, City Manager (in-person)
Joseph Rocky Rivera	Representative, Ward 5 (online)
Moises Gomez	Representative, Mayor (online)
Natalie Shepp	Representative, Ward 6 (in-person)

Members absent

Camila Martins-Bekat	Utility Representative, City Manager
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Staff Present

Michael Catanzaro	Energy Manager, Environmental & General Services Department (EGSD) (in person)
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2) Call to Audience

Statements to the Commission by Daniel Newgarden and Lee Ziesche

3) Approval of minutes from previous commission meeting

Motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2026 meeting, duly seconded by Commissioner Shepp, with the incorporation of corrections suggested by Commissioner Bachmann.

The motion was passed by a voice vote of 7 to 0.

4) Climate Resilience report

None

5) Energy Manager report

This report was offered under agenda item #7.

6) Report from the Chair

Chairperson Stormont reported on relevant issues raised during the Mayor and Council meeting held since June 11. Items included the authorization to negotiate an agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation for infrastructure development and storage of water resources in Tucson; and a decision to research selection of a photo enforcement camera vendor.

Chair Stormont noted that the Request for Information (RFI) issued by Davis Monthan Airforce Base for a data center is inactive and does not appear to have had any submissions.

No action taken.

7) Discussion about Public Power Options (Mayor & Council tasking: March 3, 2026)

Energy Manager Catenzaro gave an overview of Public Power options that he has presented to the Mayor and Council.

Chair Stormont requested that EM Catenzaro update CCES on what in this report is considered up-to-date and still relevant.

Commissioner Brown mentioned the Commission's role to listen and make suggestions to Mayor and Council about communities and voices in Tucson who would benefit to be included

Commissioner Bachmann noted that the Community Engagement and Communications Subcommittee can help with this.

Commissioner Weaver suggested an example set of criteria to use to judge some options: How fast can it happen? What is the cost of the option? What is the emissions impact? What are the opportunities for collaboration and stakeholder buy-in?

Commissioner Brown suggested adding a criteria related to the equity of the option. Also, a criteria of exclusivity - Which of the energy options might exclude other options in the future, or which might provide a stepping stone to future options.

Commissioner Shepp noted the need for updates and notation of uncertainties and changes. For example, an increase in generation loads. Also, the difference in impact on people within the City limits and those who reside outside City limits.

Commissioner Brown noted that reasons for power options are different for different people: Some have carbon emission priorities, others have affordability priorities.

Discussion mentioned current laws in Arizona related to power options, and questions about funding methods. Market pressures will exist for any of the power options, private or municipal.

Commissioner Rivera brought up the idea of using resilience hubs to power urban farm towers, possibly with aeroponics or hydroponics.

No action taken

8) Discussion about Energy Collaboration Agreement (Mayor & Council tasking: April 7, 2026)

The Commission briefly discussed the lead up and vote around the Franchise Agreement. TEP is taking the lead in education and advocacy in favor of the FA.

No action taken.

9) Discussion about Memorandum to Mayor and Council about Department of Energy Program Notice 26-2 and its effect on the Energize Arizona program

The Commission briefly discussed the memorandum with the comment by Commissioner Shepp that this is an appropriate and productive action by the commission.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve the Memorandum as written and to send it to the Mayor and Council. This motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Bachmann. The motion was passed by a voice vote of 7 to 0. Chair Stormont will forward the memorandum to the Mayor and Council.

10) Discussion about revised CCES bylaws

The Commission discussed proposed revisions and updates to the CCES bylaws. The intent is to use Code numbers rather than text from referenced City codes so that revisions made by the City would be up to date. It is noted that there is a conflict in City code referencing the requirement for CCES quorum. Article XX takes preference (6) over other sections such as Article XIII.

No formal action was taken

11) Data Center Report progress update

The Commission discussed briefly the draft Data Center Report and whether it should be sent to the Mayor and Council as it is, or whether more time is useful to fill out all of the sections. Comments and additions will be accepted, suggested before August 7, and a final form voted upon at the August meeting.

No formal action taken

12) Subcommittee reports

Commissioner Shepp reported that the Los Reales subcommittee was not able to attend a meeting with the Environmental Services Commission because the meeting was concurrent with the CCES meeting.

No actions taken

13) Future agenda items and discussion about potential venue change in the fall

Chair Stormont noted that the August meeting will be held on the Thursday date and time, and future meeting times will be up for discussion then.

Boards and Commissions has confirmed that fully virtual meetings are allowed.

Environmental Services is scheduled to brief CCES at the commission meeting in August.

14) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:03pm by Commission Chair Stormont