MINUTES

Wednesday, May 20, 2020, 7:30pm - 9:30pm

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Larson at 7:32pm.

Members Present: Committee Member Choi, Committee Member Cooper, Committee Member

Peterson, Committee Member Wei, Chair Larson

Members Absent: Committee Member Breeding, Vice Chair Marten

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 19, 2020 Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff and Committee member announcements, reports and updates of status of previous agenda items.

4-1. COVID-19 Update

Elizabeth Carrade provided an update on the City's COVID-19 response and recovery efforts, and sustainability program changes and progress.

4-2. Earth Day 2020

Carrade provided an update on the City's online Earth Day resources shared on AlbanyCA.org/EarthDay, via the City's social media channels, and a special edition Earth Day eNews.

Public comment was received from Preston Jordan regarding Waste Management recycling processing during COVID-19.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5-1. Staff Presentation on Funding the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

The Committee received staff's presentation on priority actions in need of funding, and assessment of potential funding options. The Committee supported the staff assessment of priority projects needing additional funding and recommended that the Albany City Council place a general tax on the ballot to support these climate protection projects that reflects the Albany Climate Action Coalition's proposal.

Public comment was received from Preston Jordan.

Motion by Committee Member Peterson, seconded by Committee Member Cooper, to forward the explanation to adopt the ACAC recommendation to the City Council on the UUT tax and that the Council put this into effect.

AYES: Committee Member Choi, Committee Member Cooper, Committee Member Peterson. Committee Member Wei. Chair Larson.

NOES: None.

Absent: Committee Member Breeding, Vice Chair Marten

6. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

6-1. Discussion of Electric Vehicle (EV) Action Plan Goals – Bianca Hutner provided an update on the EV Action Plan subcommittee's efforts to date, and background on other cities' EV adoption efforts and goals. The Committee discussed overall goals and target years, and strategies for achieving EV adoption goals. The subcommittee will reconvene to discuss more justification for goals the Committee may propose to Council.

Public comment was received from Preston Jordan.

6-2. Green Building Update and Possible Recommendation –

Michelle Plouse presented the Building Subcommittee's proposal for new green building requirements – both energy measures and non-energy measures. The Committee discussed the proposed measures and asked staff to share the proposal with the Planning & Zoning Commission at a June meeting.

Public comment was received from Preston Jordan.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee announced requests for future agenda items, including a student thesis presentation, a presentation on CAAP implementation, and an update on the utility user tax (UUT).

8. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 7:30 pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44pm.

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