

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

August 3, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Members of the Environmental Advisory Commission met on the above date at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Mr. Durk Tyson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present. The following attended the meeting:

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS:

David Ames

Drake Brinkley

Ann Maxwell

Durk Tyson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Diego Llerena, Citizen

Daryl Norris, City of Greenville

Amanda Braddy, City of Greenville

Delbert Bryant, City of Greenville

Cheryl Tafoya, City of Greenville

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Tyson requested New Business Item 7B be tabled to the October 5, 2017 meeting and Old Business Item A be tabled to the October 5, 2017 meeting. Mr. Tyson also noted he did not have an update for the Cool Cities Initiative Update or Plastic Bag Resolution Update (Old Business Items B and C) and asked that these be tabled to the October 5, 2017 meeting as well. Mrs. Maxwell asked that a new item be added to New Business for a Sustainability Summit update and the Volkswagen Settlement update.

A motion was made by Mr. Brinkley to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ames and passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF JUNE 1, 2017 MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Brinkley to approve the minutes of June 1 2017 as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ames and passed unanimously.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Diego Llerena informed the Commission that he has made application to City Council to fill the vacant position on EAC. Mr. Llerena has completed the Talent Bank application and has attempted to contact City Council Members regarding his request to join EAC. Mr. Norris will make contact with the City Clerk's office to follow up with Mr. Llerena's request.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Recycling – Where does it go?

Ms. Cheryl Tafoya, Recycling Coordinator, and Mr. Delbert Bryant, Sanitation Manager, was present to give a PowerPoint presentation on Recycling. The presentation detailed the Recycling Program for the City of Greenville.

B. Recreation & Parks Commission Update

This item was tabled to October 5, 2017.

C. Neighborhood Advisory Board Update

Mrs. Maxwell stated the planning session was held in June. The draft plan will be voted on at the August meeting.

Mrs. Maxwell stated the Neighborhood Advisory Board had received updates/presentations on the Stormwater Rate Study and Horizons Plan. The Board would like to receive more information on flooding issues in Greenville. Mr. Stan Riggs will be attending the September meeting of the NAB to address flooding issues from a geologist perspective.

D. Sustainability Summit Update

Mrs. Maxwell reported a Sustainability Summit was held at Appalachian State University. Many other individuals from other universities within North Carolina attended. Sustainability practices and issues were topics of conversation for this meeting.

E. Volkswagen Settlement Update

Mr. Tyson stated the US EPA filed a complaint against Volkswagen alleging emission defeat devices in diesel engine vehicles. A settlement was reached and approximately \$11 billion is being applied to a buyback program for individuals with defective vehicles. Another \$5 billion will be used for environmental mitigation and emissions reduction. A portion of those monies are being divided among states affected. North Carolina's portion is estimated to be approximately \$92 million.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. ECU Sustainability Update

This item was tabled to October 5, 2017.

B. Cool Cities Initiative Update

This item was tabled to October 5, 2017.

C. Plastic Bag Resolution Update

This item was tabled to October 5, 2017.

9. OTHER– FYI

10. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

The following items are proposed for the September 7, 2017 meeting:

A. ECVV Tour

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Dr. Ames made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brinkley and passed unanimously.