

The meeting of the Environment and Climate Committee (ECC) was called to order at 11:06 a.m. on Thursday, April 13, 2023, in the City Council Chambers, 710 NW Wall Street, and online.

- 1. Roll Call:** Andrew Calise, Jeff Rodgers (present virtually), Kavi Chokshi, Kellie Jensen (present virtually), Lauren Fraser, Mark Buckley, Neil Baunsgard, Rory Isbell, Serena Dietrich, Smita Mehta (present virtually), Jackie Mueller (ex officio), Sasha Sulia (ex officio, present virtually)

Absent: Jackie Mueller (ex officio, joined at 11:46 a.m.)

2. Approval of Minutes from March 9, 2023 ECC Meeting

Member Isbell moved to approve the March 9, 2023 meeting minutes. Vice Chair Chokshi seconded the motion. **Voice Vote** – Chair Baunsgard, Vice Chair Chokshi, Members Buckley, Calise, Dietrich, Fraser, Isbell, Jensen, Mehta, Rodgers Yes 9 No 0

3. Public Comment

No public comment was submitted.

4. Staff Updates

Cassie Lacy, Senior Management Analyst, provided the following updates:

- Interest in the City’s Home Energy Assessor training was higher than expected.
- At its April 5, 2023 meeting, Bend City Council unanimously approved the Community Innovation Fund sponsorship. Lacy thanked Member Jensen for presenting.
- Bend City Council’s quarterly update was scheduled for April 19, 2023. Lacy agreed to send details to Chair Baunsgard and Vice Chair Chokshi. Chief Operations Officer Russ Grayson explained administration of the Home Energy Score would happen within the Community and Economic Development Department (CEDD) and would likely be funded by the CEDD fee increases, which were being discussed at the quarterly update.
- Central Oregon Community College (COCC) Climate Teach-In was scheduled for April 19.
- Senior Management Analyst Cate Schneider will serve as the interim staff liaison to the ECC while Lacy is out on maternity leave, starting in June.

5. Transportation Utility Fees

Senior Management Analyst Sarah Hutson presented the following slides:

- Transportation Fee & Funding Discussion

- Goals of Today's Presentation
- Council Goals

Grayson presented the following slides:

- Citywide Funding Transportation Landscape
 - Where does your property tax dollar go?
 - General Fund Revenue
 - Market Value vs. Assessed Value
 - Transportation System Plan (TSP)
 - TSP Public Engagement
 - Transportation Funding Needs Through 2040
 - Recommended Funding Tools
- Importance of Street Operations & Maintenance
 - Preventative Maintenance Saves Money
 - Ongoing Funding Needed to Maintain PCI
 - 5-Year PCI Funding Scenarios

Hutson presented the following slides:

- Transportation Fee Overview
 - What is a Transportation Fee?
 - Common Funding Tool in Oregon
 - Why Now?
 - Transportation Fee Scope
 - Communication Strategy Options
 - Transportation Fee Timeline

Members and staff discussed how the Transportation Utility Fee (TUF) might be assessed; issues of equity; the anticipated TUF Working Group process and schedule; System Development Charges (SDCs) as related to transportation projects; the absence of dedicated funding for transportation operations and maintenance (O&Ms); and the limited availability of federal funding.

Chair Baunsgard stated the ECC's Transportation Working Group could discuss the TUF and designate a member to participate in the TUF Working Group.

Members took a brief lunch break from 11:50 to 11:58 a.m.

6. Working Groups and Work Approach

Lacy reminded Members of the working group process to date and presented the following slides:

- Proposed Working Groups
- Working Group Expectations
- Proposed Schedule for Working Group Discussions

Proposed working groups included the following:

- Transportation Working Group: Members Isbell, Buckley, and Baungard
- Waste and Materials Working Group: Members Chokshi, Dietrich, Jensen, and Mehta
- Energy Working Group: Members Calise, Fraser, Rodgers, and Isbell

Members determined Chair Baungard would serve as the lead for the Transportation Working Group, Member Jensen would serve as the lead for the Waste and Materials Working Group, and Member Calise would serve as the lead for the Energy Working Group. Member Buckley volunteered to serve as the liaison to the TUF Working Group.

Lacy stated working groups were free to meet on their own and explained when to reach out to staff to determine whether a meeting would need to be public.

The group determined a presentation or memo will be required from each working group when they present to the full committee.

Member Rodgers left at 12:07 p.m.

7. Legislative Update

Chair Baungard went over the background of the CCAP strategy process and briefed the committee on the “resilient efficient buildings” bills. The Chair noted there was less money than in prior sessions, but all of the “resilient efficient buildings” bills had made it out of committee into Ways and Means and had solid support. Those bills included:

- HB 3166, commonly referred to as the “one stop shop” bill, would provide a program through the Department of Energy to advise individuals, contractors, and different users to understand how all federal programs work together.
- SB 868, focused on existing residential buildings, centers around heat pump deployment. This bill identifies incentives and provides structure for the state to leverage federal dollars to get heat pumps and heat pump water heaters deployed in an equitable and resilient way.
- SB 869, focused on new construction, aims to build smart from the start. This bill largely directs the building codes division to make sure Oregon is meeting climate goals with new construction.
- SB 870, focused on large commercial buildings, sets a building performance standard with targeted required improvements of really large buildings. Buildings over 35,000 square feet would have efficiency requirements to meet over time. This bill expands a couple of exemptions, and for buildings down to 20,000 square feet, implements a mandatory benchmarking process. There are also some incentive dollars for building owners of large or very large buildings who are trying to move faster than the required step-down to efficiency.

- SB 871 focuses on state buildings. Dubbed the “Smart State Buildings” bill, it removes some barriers to make it easier for state buildings to do large energy efficiency programs.

Staff and Members determined it would be helpful to raise these bills to Council, due to the amount of overlap with CCAP goals. Lacy noted it would give Council a heads up in case they wanted to provide testimony or a letter of support.

Chair Baunsgard reported there was also an e-bike rebate bill, one of 14 going through different statehouses right now, and that Councilor Broadman had testified in favor of it.

Vice Chair Chokshi highlighted two bills related to waste and materials.

8. Strategic Energy Management Plan Update

Lacy provided background on the City Operations Climate Plan, noted the City calls it the Strategic Energy Management Plan, and presented the following slides:

- City Operations Climate Action
- Scope 1 and 2 Emissions / Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Scope 1, 2 & 3

Following discussion around Blue Sky energy offsets, the Committee agreed to table the remainder of conversation until the next meeting.

9. Agenda Review

Lacy updated the committee on the following upcoming agenda items:

- May 2023
 - CCAP Update Process Discussion/Input
 - Update on Council-directed initiatives
 - Bike Rack Review
- June 2023
 - Transportation Working Group Discussion
- Upcoming Topics
 - July – NO MEETING
 - August – W&M Working Group Discussion
 - September – Energy Working Group Discussion

10. Adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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