



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 with Social Distancing Modifications via remote video conferencing.

Commissioners in Attendance:

**Andrew Creel
Ryan Nill
Curtis Smith
Pam Thompson
Mary Ann Neely
Kevin Ramberg
Linda Guerrero
Wendy Gordon
Perry Bedford**

Commissioners Absent:

**Katie Coyne
Peggy Maceo**

Staff in Attendance:

**Kaela Champlin
Kelly Gagnon
Anupa Gharpurey
Chris Herrington
Erin Wood**

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Guerrero called the meeting to order at 3:04 P.M.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION

- a. Approval of the June 3, 2020 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes
(5 minutes)

The minutes of the June 3, 2020 Environmental Commission regular meeting were approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Creel and Neely were off the dais. Commissioners Coyne and Maceo were absent.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Consider Watershed Protection Department's FY 21 Operating Budget and Five-Year Capital Improvement Program Plan—Anupa Gharpurey, Financial Manager III, Erin Wood, Principle Planner, and Kelly Gagnon, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department (1 hour)

A motion to approve the Watershed Protection Department’s FY 21 Operating Budget and Five-Year Capital Improvement Program Plan with conditions was approved on Commissioner Ramberg’s motion, Commissioner Neely’s second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Smith and Bedford abstained. Commissioners Coyne and Maceo were absent.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Urban Growth Policy and Water Quality Protection Committee – Pam Thompson, Kevin Ramberg, Mary Ann Neely, Curtis Smith, and Perry Bedford
- b. Urban Forestry Committee – Peggy Maceo, Pam Thompson, Linda Guerrero, and Mary Ann Neely
- c. Report on the Joint Sustainability Committee – Katie Coyne
- d. Report on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizen’s Advisory Committee – Mary Ann Neely
- e. Report on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board – Mary Ann Neely, Peggy Maceo, Linda Guerrero, and Pam Thompson
- f. Report on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board – Linda Guerrero

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 3:50 P.M.

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