

**Addenda
Minnetonka City Council
Meeting of June 22, 2020**

**ITEM 14B – Resolution accepting the Energy Action Plan contingent upon 2021
budget approval**

Staff received email correspondence after distribution of the packet. These emails are attached.



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TO: City Council
FROM: Julie Wischnack, AICP, Community Development Director
DATE: June 22, 2020
SUBJECT: Change Memo for June 22, 2020

ITEM 14B – Resolution accepting the Energy Action Plan contingent upon 2021 budget approval

Staff received multiple emails with comments regarding the proposed Energy Action Plan. (See attached).

From: [Brian Golob](#)
To: [Drew Ingvalson](#)
Subject: Comments regarding the EAP
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2020 5:08:35 PM

Hi Drew:

I wanted to send you my final two comments which I think are important for the upcoming city council meeting. If I am correct, this e mail becomes part of the council meeting record.

I have enjoyed serving as a member of the Energy Action Team and look forward to our next phase. My specific comment regarding the draft plan is presented below.

The EAP should state clearly, perhaps in the goal, that all energy conservation strategies implemented will reduce the amount of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere and will contribute to decreasing the rate of global warming. I strongly think this direct link is a foundational item and should be stated in the Energy Action Plan.

Thank you very much,

Brian Golob

From: [Li Dvorak](#)
To: [Drew Ingvalson](#)
Cc: ["Brian Golob"](#); ["Carol Schwarzkopf"](#); ["David Sanders"](#); ["Gabi Tan"](#); ["Heather Holm"](#); ["Jane Ehmke"](#); ["Jennifer Munt"](#); ["Jerrold Gershone"](#); ["Joe Ramlet"](#); ["John Anderson"](#); ["John Mirocha"](#); ["Konnor Howell"](#); ["Linda Russell"](#); ["Matt Danielson"](#); ["Patty O'Keefe"](#); ["Quin Orange"](#); ["Ric Berkholtz"](#); ["Skyler Seets"](#); ["Stephanie Luk"](#); ["Windom Shields"](#); [REDACTED]; [Judy Gregg - MCI](#)
Subject: Minnetonka/Xcel Partners in Energy Climate Action Plan
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 12:21:00 PM

Hello Drew,

I am a member of MCI, Minnetonka Climate Initiative. We have reviewed the detailed Energy Action Plan (EAP) that the Minnetonka Energy Action and the Partners in Energy teams put together; thank you for all the hard work. MCI supports the city's efforts to address energy conservation measures to reduce CO2; this detailed, extensive plan is a very positive step towards carbon neutrality.

On behalf of MCI, below are our combined comments regarding the Energy Action Plan document that we hope you and the other PIE member will consider and apply. (These are in no particular order.)

- 1) The EAP document is very detailed yet misses a key issue that we believe should be stated very clearly that all energy conservation strategies implemented will reduce the amount of carbon dioxide (CO2) emitted into the atmosphere, **and that reducing CO2 will contribute to slowing the rate of global warming-- *because CO2 is the key cause of global climate change.*** Though we who work on this issue know that CO2 is the cause of global climate change, this is a simple explanation that, for the layperson, should be included. This could be a simple add to the introduction or the goals.
- 2) The EAP goal is to reduce energy-related greenhouse gas emissions in Minnetonka by 160,000 metric tons of CO2 equivalent before the end of 2030. That number means very little to a resident, since we do not understand the big picture of how much CO2 that is. If that summary goal on page 11 could include your reference to number of cars off the highway or some other lay term, it would have more impact to residents. People need to understand the goal to help achieve it.
- 3) Commercial/industrial makes up only 8% of premises but consumes 50% of energy (64% of electricity and 40% of natural gas). So why are multi-family strategies so robust, when business strategies are not? We appreciate your comments that a great deal of reductions have already been made with large business (page 9) but believe that continued businesses outreach should be included in your approach.
- 4) The EAP should recognize and address the effects of COVID and how the shift to working from home and driving less has changed energy use. Though we realize this occurred late in the process of developing the EAP, it is a real and significant factor in energy usage and therefore the CO2 reduction goals.
- 5) How does Minnetonka compare to our neighbors; are our goals reasonable/aggressive enough compared to similar programs?
 - a. Minneapolis includes plans for small and large businesses and 100% renewable

electricity for the City enterprise by 2030 and 80% citywide by 2050.

- b. St Paul's plan focuses on achieving carbon neutrality in city operations by 2030 and citywide by 2050.
 - c. St Louis Park's goals are to reduce overall carbon emissions by 55% by 2030 and a net zero carbon footprint by 2040.
 - i. Also note that SLP includes easy to understand goals, such as:
 - o Reduce energy consumption in residential buildings by 35%
 - o Reduce energy consumption in small- to mid-size commercial buildings by 30%
- 6) Do other cities fund 'green' infrastructure to support CO2 reduction via energy efficiency or renewables incentives? Does the city plan to/can it take advantage of state programs, e.g. Guaranteed Energy Savings Program or promoting PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) financing?

Thank you for reviewing our suggestions and questions, Drew; please do not hesitate to reach out to MCI—either the group or the PIE team members—if you have any questions. We look forward to implementation of the EAP and to exceeding our carbon reduction goals.

Best regards,

Eleanor (Li) Dvorak
Minnetonka Climate Initiative



From: [Dennis Yockers](#)
To: [Drew Ingvalson](#)
Subject: Re: June 22nd City Council Meeting
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 10:49:19 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Drew:

Please submit these comments in the change memo regarding the energy action plan. Thanks,
Dennis Yockers

Minnetonka Council Members - Subject: Minnetonka Energy Action Plan

Dear Members:

I appreciated the opportunity to serve on the advisory team for the Minnetonka Energy Action Plan. I do endorse the plan but it will need additional discussion and adjustments from the advisory team. The development process was interrupted by the COVID-19 virus issue. The team met 4 times in person however the final meeting which only lasted 1 hour was conducted virtually. We had the opportunity to make comments on the draft and bring those comments to the virtual meeting. Normally we would have spent 2 1/2 hours discussing the plan in person. A few members submitted comments. There was then a very quick turnaround to get the plan in the format that could be shared with the council members. I'm not sure all of the concerns from the members were addressed in the final copy of the plan. I do recommend that you support the plan but that the energy action team is brought back together to discuss the plan and its implementation.

Thanks again for your support for a sustainable Minnetonka. Dr. Dennis H. Yockers,
Professor Emeritus of Natural Resources Management and Minnetonka Resident

On Fri, Jun 19, 2020 at 3:03 PM Drew Ingvalson <dingvalson@minnetonkamn.gov> wrote:

Energy Action Team,

Good afternoon. Below is a link to the packet for the June 22nd city council meeting. The Energy Action Plan is scheduled as Item #14B (starting on page 394 and ending on page 453). The item includes a staff report, the plan itself, and resolution.

City Council Packet: <https://www.minnetonkamn.gov/Home/ShowDocument?id=7151>

The June 22nd meeting will be held virtually; however, there are still opportunities for the public to provide input.

First, you, or anyone else who is interested, can email me comments and I will include those comments in a change memo (which will become part of the public record and be submitted to the city council prior to the meeting). Please submit these comments by no later than noon, Monday, June 22nd.

Second, you can virtually watch the meeting. City council meetings can be streamed online and can be watched on Minnetonka municipal cable. For more viewing information visit [here](#).

Third, while not required to do so, the mayor often opens a hearing for public comments. If you, or anyone you know, wishes to speak at the meeting, please fill out the form below (put *Item 14B, Energy Action Plan* for the agenda item you wish to speak on) and call-in to the meeting on June 22nd at 6:30 pm. If you plan on speaking for a larger group (outside of the Energy Action Team), it is highly recommended that you designate a spokesperson to speak on behalf of your group.

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Last, and most importantly, I cannot thank you enough for all of your time and effort that you have put into creating the Energy Action Plan. Everything you have done is greatly appreciated and this plan could not have been completed without every one of you.

Have a great weekend and, as always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,



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From: [Megan Park](#)
To: [Drew Ingvalson](#)
Subject: Re: June 22nd City Council Meeting
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 12:30:21 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Hi Drew,

I need to apologize for my absence the past couple of months. As you can imagine, things have been a bit chaotic. We've been working tirelessly to adapt, change, and keep Unmapped afloat. Luckily, for the time being, things seem to be normalizing a bit.

That said, I wanted to submit some comments for the public record if still possible (I know my deadline was 10 min ago)...

I want to thank both Drew and the city for recognizing the importance of sustainability and taking action to make changes in Minnetonka. As both a resident and small business owner in Minnetonka, I was thrilled to participate on the Energy Action Team. The program was incredibly well-organized and every minute of every meeting was put to good use. I learned so much through this process and am excited for the Energy Action Plan that the team put together to be implemented. One thing that struck me is how many resources and initiatives regarding sustainability already exist for residents and small business owners, but I had no knowledge of. Education and exposure is a big part of the Energy Action Plan and what I think helps make this plan both effective and realistic. I am looking forward to seeing this plan be rolled out, both in the short-term and long-term.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Megan Park, Founder
Unmapped Brewing Co.

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