



**Meeting of the
COMMITTEE ON
ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT
AGENDA**

September 22, 2021 – 5:00 P.M.

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

MINUTES

1. Approve the regular meeting minutes of August 11, 2021.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2. Public comment from members of the audience regarding items not listed on the agenda.

OTHER MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

3. Reducing Waste and Contamination in Pleasanton-SB1383 (Organic Waste Reductions Regulations) Presentation by Go Green Initiative

MATTERS INITIATED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Brief reports on conferences, seminars, and meetings attended by Committee members.

ADJOURNMENT

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**MINUTES
CITY OF PLEASANTON
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT
August 11, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Chang called a teleconference regular meeting of the Committee on Energy and the Environment to order at the hour of 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present: Brown, Cartwright, Daggy, Kelly, Gan, Vice Chair Liu, and Chair Chang
Absent: none

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

None.

MINUTES

1. Approve the regular meeting minutes of May 26, 2021 as submitted.
Motion by: Daggy Seconded by: Gan
Ayes: Daggy, Liu, Gan, Chang, Cartwright, Kelly, Brown
Noes: none

Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2. Public Comment from members of the audience regarding items not listed on the agenda:

No public comment.

OTHER MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

3. CAP 2.0 forecast correction for adjusted business as usual scenario

Megan Campbell, Associate Planner, gave a verbal informational update that there was a minor correction to the adjusted business as usual forecast. She stated that in the prior report there was a slight over assumption of the emissions reductions and staff wanted to provide the committee with the most up to date inventory for records.

4. Review quantitative analysis and recommend a set of actions for the CAP 2.0 to be considered by the City Council

Megan Campbell, Associate Planner, gave a presentation on this item. Ms. Campbell gave background information to the Committee in which she explained the outreach process and the initial list of over 150 actions that was prepared based on review of the City's initial Climate Action Plan (CAP). The City will need to make a strategic decision about the final package of new actions to be adopted as part of the CAP 2.0, recognizing various tradeoffs to be made between cost and effectiveness in reaching GHG targets. Staff does not recommend including every action on the short list.

Ms. Campbell seeks the Committee's review and recommendation on the suggested 15 primary actions, largely focused on GHG emitting action, that would cost the City \$1.1 Million to implement and 10 secondary actions that focus on resilience and adaption actions be included in the CAP 2.0. Staff's recommendation both reduces emissions and cost, as described below. It is also worth noting, an Implementation and Monitoring Plan will be developed as part of CAP 2.0, which will identify potential

funding sources. In summary, Staff's recommendation strikes a balance between co-benefits, community cost, City cost, community input, and staffing assumptions.

The Committee's recommendation will be provided to the City Council in the fall. The Committee can add, remove, or modify any actions recommended by staff. If actions are removed, staff asks the Committee to be mindful of the CAP 2.0 target pathway. If actions are added, staff asks the Committee to be mindful of cost and resources beyond cost to implement the actions.

Ms. Jocelyn Combs spoke during public comment. Ms. Combs spoke as a Pleasanton resident, former Elected Official and Project Manager. She stated that the information presented on the CAP is technical, dense and critical to the future. Ms. Combs spoke in support of the secondary actions and was thrilled to see goal 1230 of adopting the Housing Element as an action item. Ms. Combs recommends adding goal 1216 as a primary action to institutionalize climate action and suggested adding the word implement to the action to institutionalize. She supports the city hire a single point person to implement the goals of the CAP and keep them functioning.

Mr. Todd Nelson spoke during public comment. Mr. Nelson spoke as a member of the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee. Mr. Nelson expressed support of the CAP being proposed and mentioned that in the proposed CAP, the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails master plans are both listed as existing and ongoing and a \$13 million line item, which he thinks is optimistic. He noted that historically Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails task have only received about \$2 million annually from the Capital Improvement budget. Mr. Nelson wants to make sure that actual budget is comprehended in terms of the benefit that is assumed from the CAP actions related to Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails.

Ms. Becky Dennis spoke during public comment. Ms. Dennis expressed support of a strong emphasis on the CAP. Ms. Dennis suggested staff include the market value of the MTCO_{2e} successfully abated and sequestered. She stated that this would provide ongoing cost/benefit information to the Council should they decide to develop a revenue stream for Pleasanton through participation in the carbon market. Ms. Dennis suggested more frequent reporting on the CAP 2.0 and perhaps a single person should be assigned to do that. Finally, Ms. Dennis stated that we have not met our Housing Element goals and urged the Committee to be an active voice for the Housing Element and bringing people to live closer to the workplace.

Mr. Greg Cline spoke during public comment. Mr. Cline spoke in support of staffing to manage the CAP and expressed concern if the CAP will come into fruition if existing staff can't absorb the implementation. He suggested bringing several initiatives on the secondary list up to the primary list that are low cost, little impact full time employees or that would save the city money.

Chair Chang asked for clarification on the implementation and monitoring of the CAP. Becky Hopkins, Assistant to the City Manager responded to the questions about staffing. She stated that once the Council adopts the CAP, if the Council approves the staff recommendation it will be the City Manager's responsibility to determine how to best resource the plan as a part of the budget process. Chair Chang asked if staff was identified for the first CAP 1.0. Ms. Hopkins stated that the CAP 1.0 was assigned to Environmental Services staff out of the Operations Department. She stated that the funding plan will help to provide the true annual cost to the city including staff and or consultant time.

Committee Member Daggy also expressed concern for the staffing bandwidth issues and the opportunity to apply for grants. Mr. Daggy mentioned the impact of California wildfires, controlled burns, extreme heat events and the drought. He has some concern for hitting targets for the Urban Forest Master Plan and SB1383, stating that the landfill emissions reduction in SB1383 is massive. He stated that changing human behavior and getting to such a massive number is concerning and we will have to move faster.

Committee Member Cartwright agreed that a dedicated Project Manager with the technical skills needs to be included as part of the plan. Mr. Cartwright recommended expediting the zero-emission vehicle infrastructure plan and the comprehensive outreach and education program to get the community in support of the plan as a near term actions.

Megan Campbell, Associate Planner shared the process for next steps, the Committee will make the recommendation for the CAP to the Council. Staff will present the Committee's recommendation to Council in the Fall. Staff will look to Council to provide direction on the final set of actions to put in the plan and then a draft plan will come back to the Committee to review. The draft plan will then go to Council to review before final adoption of the plan. Once the final plan is adopted the City Manager will assign the projects of the plan to staff and or consultants for implementation.

Motion to accept staff's recommendation with the following changes to the CAP2.0 Action list on the action list as amended of the CAP 2.0:

- (1) Add action item (1216) Institutionalize climate considerations across City and community activities and decision-making. Dedicate at least one position (e.g., Sustainability Manager and/or Sustainability Management Analyst(s) focused on sustainability) to implement CAP tasks, manage the Energy Star Portfolio Manager for City facilities and identify opportunities for increased efficiencies and cost savings, maintain relationships with partner agencies and identify grants and funding opportunities as they become available, track legislative changes relating to the climate that affect municipal operations, track City emissions, and promote climate change awareness across all city functions.
- (2) Change to near term implementation action item (1056) Develop and implement a Zero Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) Infrastructure Plan that strategically expands EV and other zero emissions fueling infrastructure throughout the community.
- (3) Change to near term implementation action item (1023) Implement comprehensive public/private climate awareness, education, and outreach.

Motion by: Cartwright Seconded by: Chang

Ayes: Cartwright, Daggy, Kelly, Gan, Liu, Chang

Abstain: Brown Noes: none

Motion passes.

Motion to approve the list as amended to move recommendation forward to Council:

Motion by: Kelly Seconded by: Cartwright

Ayes: Brown, Cartwright, Daggy, Kelly, Gan, Liu, Chang

Noes: none

Motion passes unanimously.

MATTERS INITIATED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ms. Hopkins reminded the committee that several seats for the Committee on Energy and the Environment are open for renewal or appointment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Next regular meeting of the Committee is scheduled for September 22, 2021 at 5pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
ZeeLaura Page