

**MINUTES  
CITY OF PLEASANTON  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT  
December 15, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Committee Members Present: Bloom, Brown, Jain, Kelly, Klein, Lee and Vice Chair Liu  
Absent: none

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

Continue Item # 1 September 22, 2021 meeting minutes.

**MINUTES**

1. Approve the regular meeting minutes of September 22, 2021 as submitted.  
Continued to January 26, 2022 meeting.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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

Vaughn – Pleasanton resident for 25 years. Advise to others if you want to change the world run for office. This is the only way to save the planet.

**OTHER MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

3. Select Chair and Vice Chair for 2022 for the Committee on energy and the Environment

Motion to make Vice Chair Liu the new Chair of the Committee:

**Motion by:** Brown      **Seconded by:** Klein

**Ayes:** Bloom, Brown, Jain, Kelly, Klein, Lee and Liu

Motion to make Committee Member Brown the new Vice Chair of the Committee:

**Motion by:** Klein      **Seconded by:** Kelly

**Ayes:** Bloom, Brown, Jain, Kelly, Klein, Lee and Liu

**Noes:**

Motion passes unanimously.

4. Set 2022 Meeting Schedule for the Committee on Energy and the Environment

Regular Meetings

January 26, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

March 23, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

May 25, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

July 27, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

September 28, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

November 16, 2022\* at 5:00 p.m.

\* Note this is third Wednesday of the month due to Thanksgiving holiday.

Motion to approve the schedule as proposed.

**Motion by:** Liu      **Seconded by:** Brown  
**Ayes:** Bloom, Brown, Jain, Kelly, Klein, Lee and Liu  
**Noes:**  
Motion passes unanimously.

5. Review the DRAFT Climate Action Plan 2.0 and DRAFT Initial Study-Negative Declaration

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 draft CAP 2.0 reflects the work completed throughout the process and includes greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets for the City and a series of policies that represent local actions the City will take to achieve the reductions.

Ms. Campbell explained the next steps including the public review comment period, following this period staff will respond to comments and implement modifications as necessary. Staff intends to bring a final CAP 2.0 to the Committee on Energy and the Environment for review in late January 2022 and to the City Council for adoption in February 2022. No action is needed tonight, however, staff requests the Committee's review of the draft CAP 2.0 and IS-ND. Staff seeks initial feedback on the draft documents, ahead of the future Committee meeting wherein staff will bring the final CAP 2.0 to the Committee for a recommendation to City Council.

Committee member Klein stated that there are numerous plans mentioned on the primary actions that should facilitate the development of additional plans such as master forestry or a zero-emissions vehicle plan. He asked will those plans be brought to the committee. Will the committee have the opportunity to weigh in on the development of those plans?

Becky Hopkins responded the CAP is the guiding policy document for this committee and the sectors it represents. She stated that as part of implementation staff will bring different aspects to the Committee for consideration when the council request your input specifically.

Committee member Lee asked about water quality, contamination with PFAS, and can we require Zone 7 to provide PFAS free water. Ms. Hopkins responded that we do not have jurisdiction over Zone 7. We work collaboratively with them, they are working actively to fix the water quality issues and we are working with them regularly to address all issues and concerns, but we have no role of enforcement to the agency.

Committee member Klein asked can the committee recommend that the secondary actions that are cost neutral and low impact on staff be moved to primary? He stated that environmentally preferable purchasing policy would make the plan more robust and there is no added cost. Ms. Campbell stated that Council did review and approve the list. The environmentally preferable purchasing policy is secondary because of the timing of the countywide effort. Ms. Hopkins added that staff is also working with the Finance Department to update the purchasing policy to comply with the new SB1383 law related to procurement and will integrate the existing green purchasing policy and will be brought forward to the City Council in the beginning of next year.

Vice Chair Brown mentioned that Council omitting the staff position to oversee the CAP. She asked to what extent will the FTE and staff time be addressed? Ms. Campbell stated that Council decided to allow the new City Manager to evaluate the staffing for the Cap as well as Citywide hiring and decide how to best manage the CAP and make that recommendation to Council.

Committee member Linda stated water continues to be an issue, she stated that publicly there are too many misconceptions. It is an important factor in the CAP 2.0 and an important environmental concern, is there is any way to enhance the message so that people understand how Zone 7 works. She stated that both the city and Zone 7 have federal and state regulations that they must meet, and both agencies are

working in tandem to meet regulatory requirements. Can this committee help to boost the information level to the public?

Committee member Klein, asked can committee members take field trips to the water treatment plant?

Chair Liu responded that we could have staff coordinate a presentation on the topic of water. Ms. Hopkins responded that Staff will be scheduling guest speakers on the various topics based on the different sectors of the Climate Action Plan.

Committee member Bloom stated that the tech interactive museum might be another fieldtrip opportunity to solve for climate change in our community. She stated that in terms of measuring progress, were measuring through PGE. Is there another way to motive the community to look at individual usage?

Committee member Jain shared that he is working on an app designed for households to track the amount of waste they're using. He stated that the Committee could promote challenges facilitated through the app.

Committee member Brown stated that we have had subset of committee to meet and discuss water issues. Ms. Hopkins added that at this time this committee doesn't have City Council direction for a subcommittee.

Public Comment:

Jocelyn Combs stated that she is excited to hear the energy that this committee has for this plan. She stated that tonight the planning commission will be looking at sites for housing. She stated that the number one thing is to create housing here in Pleasanton so that people do not have to commute to work. She encouraged committee members to track what going on for the housing element and encourage housing to be built here to help reduce the carbon footprint. Think about adding the carbon savings and or water saving and grant funding. She asked how flexible are we? If grant funding becomes available, with the new infrastructure plan there will be funding opportunity. She suggested that staff keep the CAP flexible so that you can add items, or you can fund action items in the plan regardless of where they are prioritized in the plan.

Becky Dennis stated that in terms of measuring progress in Pleasanton I'd like to see the relationship between employees who live and work in Pleasanton be part of our tracking for emissions reduction. She stated that of the housing we are developing and the commute that the land use generates, it would be nice to track how people are moving closer to their jobs. She stated that only 5% of the people who live here work here and the number has been doing down. She would like to raise the consciousness of the people that are making land use decisions. Commuting is a high impact area, and we can reduce this. The judgment about our carbon economy is important and this committee has a role to play in making people conscious of this.

**MATTERS INITIATED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Chair Liu shared that he sits on the ECBE Advisory committee meeting. Pleasanton is changing from Brilliant 100 plan to Renewable 100, which is 100% renewable wind and solar energy service. EBCE is conducting outreach to the community. We will have EBCE provide a update to the committee in the new year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next regular meeting of the Committee is scheduled for January 26, 2022 at 5pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
ZeeLaura Page