

Environment and Sustainability Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: December 7, 2021

Convened: 9:01 a.m.

Adjourned: 11:12 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

Paula Blackmon, Chair
Paul E. Ridley, Vice Chair
Carolyn King Arnold
Adam Bazaldua
Jaime Resendez
Jaynie Schultz
Chad West

Committee Members Absent:

Other Council Members Present:

Presenters:

Susan Alvarez, Assistant Director, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability
Pharr Andres, Sr. Climate Coordinator, Environmental Quality & Sustainability
Lori Clark, Program Manager, DFW Clean Cities Coordinator
Celina Bonugli, Associate, Clean Energy Innovation, World Resources Institute

AGENDA

Call to Order (9:01 a.m.)

A. Approval of the November 1, 2021 Environmental and Sustainability Committee Minutes

Presenter(s): Paula Blackmon, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): A motion was made to approve the minutes for the November 1, 2021 Environmental and Sustainability Committee meeting.

Motion made by: Jaynie Schultz

Item passed unanimously: X

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: Chad West

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

B. Analysis of Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure in the City of Dallas

Presenter(s): Lori Clark, Program Manager, DFW Clean Cities Coordinator

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): The Committee discussed: Multifamily units, provision of electric charging facilities at places of employment. Strategy to incentivize or educate about possible benefits of building charging stations. Rule on how many outlets are needed per 1,000 vehicles. Overlays to parking requirements to increase the number of charging ports. Marketing of these infrastructure investments. Possible incentives for lower-income residents with the acquisition of electric vehicles. Pricing on public accessible charging stations.

Motion made by: Paul E. Ridley

Item passed unanimously: X

Motion seconded by: Jaynie Schultz

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed unanimously:

Item failed on a divided vote:

C. Leaf Blower Regulations

Presenter(s): Susan Alvarez, Assistant Director, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): The Committee discussed: Status of the Environmental Commission. Investigation of alternative or electric-powered leaf blowers with regards to their practical use. Ordinances against leaf blowers that are outright bans on two-cycle motors in other cities. Pilot program and the requirement for business owners to invest in new equipment. Feedback from landscape workers. Other lawn equipment that could possibly be considered within these proposed regulations. Educational campaign for homeowners regarding the benefits of adopting the use of electric equipment. Enforcement mechanisms if ordinance was to go into effect. Possible inefficiencies inherent with electric equipment might reduce the effectiveness of various departments, such as Parks, with regards to general park maintenance and other landscaping projects. The crafting of an ordinance that does not unduly add to the responsibilities of DPD or Code with regards to enforcement. A motion was made to send the proposal back to the Environmental Commission to consider all two-cycle lawn equipment and revisiting the discussion in September 2022 QOALC Committee meeting.

Motion made by: Adam Bazaldua

Item passed unanimously: X

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: Jaynie Schultz

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

D. Policy Utility Commission Power Market Re-Design Comments

Presenter(s): Celina Bonugli, Associate, Clean Energy Innovation, World Resources Institute and Susan Alvarez, Assistant Director, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): The Committee discussed: The responsibility of ERCOT to ensure that cities with rolling blackouts are occurring on an equitable basis and that status updates pertaining to the blackouts is provided. A motion was made to approve the collection of comments and sending on behalf of the City of Dallas.

Motion made by: Adam Bazaldua

Item passed unanimously: X

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: Jaynie Schultz

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

E. TCEQ Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Program Grant Summary Memo

Presenter(s): Pharr Andres, Sr. Climate Coordinator, Environmental Quality & Sustainability

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): The Committee discussed:

Motion made by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

Adjourn (11:12 a.m.)

APPROVED BY:

Paula Blackmon, Chair

Environment & Sustainability Committee

ATTESTED BY:

Juan Garcia, Committee Coordinator

Environment & Sustainability Committee