



## CITY OF WAUWATOSA

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### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting – Tuesday, February 8, 2011

Committee Room #1

PRESENT: Aids. Birschel, Jay, Meaux, Nikceovich, Organ, Pantuso, Roznowski, Wilke – 8

ALSO PRESENT: N. Welch, Community Devel. Dir.

Ald. Organ as Chair called the meeting to order at 8:24 p.m.

#### Review of recommended goals from the City of Wauwatosa Energy Committee

Ms. Welch commented that she was not present at the last meeting so she didn't hear the comments, but she reviewed the minutes and met with the Energy Committee since then. There are a number of options for implementing the committee's recommendations. One that is being considered is to add energy conservation to the job description of the office manager position is being created for her department. The committee can also give the Energy Committee the go ahead so the committee can start working on initiatives.

Ald. Nikceovich really liked the first presentation. She has learned that many corporations have experienced cost and energy savings by implementing energy conservation programs. She expressed her support.

Ald. Roznowski asked what would happen next if the committee endorses the recommendations.

Chuck Rohrer, Energy Committee Member, 1074 Kavanaugh Place, responded that they would work closely with city staff. They would like to concentrate on the greenhouse gas emissions as well as community initiatives and education. Ald. Roznowski suggested identifying a point person to keep things clarified. He would also like to utilize space on the website.

Ald. Pantuso wanted to see some savings that would possibly help to pay for the energy conservation component of the office manager job. He would also like to see the city dedicate some web space. Simple things can be done to generate savings. He also felt that community outreach is the key.

Matthew Giovanelli, Energy Committee Member, 7133 W. Wells Street, stressed that education is very important because sometimes there is confusion about what is helpful and what is not.

Ald. Nikceovich noted that she had gotten negative comments about street lights being turned on later in the evening and turned off earlier in the morning, but as an example, these are ways to bring savings to the budget.

Ms. Welch commented that they have done measurements on various energy saving initiatives and a member of the Energy Committee has created a database measuring the different types of energy usage to date.

Mr. Rohrer noted that the city is doing the right things, but hasn't begun to measure the energy usage consistently.

Ald. Jay commented that getting better gas mileage is a good thing. The data has been going in the opposite direction as far as the benefit of reducing greenhouse gases. She would not be in favor of spending more money to reduce emissions.

Ald. Wilke noted that these are good goals. He suggested starting with an intern to get an idea of what an energy manager might do.

Ms. Welch added that if the city starts taking on a lot of special projects, they should be looking for a person with more expertise in the area of energy issues.

Moved by Ald. Wilke, seconded by Ald. Nikcevic to recommend endorsing the recommended goals of the Energy Committee --

Ald. Organ asked about graphing energy use over the years. Ms. Welch responded that they have a historic baseline and they can build on it going forward.

Ald. Jay did not feel comfortable with the greenhouse gas emission component saying that she would vote for the recommendations if that component were removed. She offered a friendly amendment to remove that item from the recommendations, but it wasn't accepted.

Vote on the motion was Ayes: 7, Noes: 1 (Jay)

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk  
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