

City of Dubuque
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

GOVERNMENTAL BODY: Resilient Community Advisory Commission

DATE: April 13, 2020

TIME: 5:00 pm

LOCATION: Virtual Go to Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dean Boles, Sara Booth, Candace Eudaley-Loebach, Adam Hoffman, Lalith Jayawickrama, Robin Kennicker, Jake Kohlhaas, Craig Reber, Leah Specht.

MEMBERS ABSENT: n/a

STAFF PRESENT: Gina Bell, Sustainable Community Coordinator

GUESTS PRESENT: City of Dubuque staff members: Mike Van Milligen, John Klostermann, Anderson Sainci

Specht called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm. Bell confirmed the meeting was in compliance with the Iowa Open Meeting Law.

TEST AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT: Paul Schultz spoke against the automated collection proposal

MINUTES APPROVAL: Motion by Commissioner Boles to approve March 24, 2020 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Kennicker. Motion carries.

PUBLIC WORKS – AUTOMATED COLLECTION INFORMATION: Anderson Sainci and John Klosterman gave an update to their initial presentation to Commission on March 5, 2020 related to automated collection and changes they made in their proposal to Council.

Commission discussion:

Commissioners expressed their concerns and Public Works (PW) offered their answers. The discussion varied between automated collection and the opportunity for this budget request be used to encourage paths to zero waste.

Public Works addressed the Commission's initial concern that the smallest container be 35 gallons instead of the original proposal of 48 gallons. They did not address the concern regarding the urgency of the request and community engagement. Discussion continued.

Commissioner Boles motioned to concur with PW budget presentation and adjust the RCAC's letter of recommendation to include the following:

- PW had demonstrated a commitment to reduce waste, yet the Commission believes there is an opportunity to better align it with reduced waste,
- prior to obligating funds for truck purchase City has an additional study on rates and can sizes.
- The commission is still concerned about public engagement, which must be done before prior obligation of funds.

Commissioner Jayawickrama seconds. Chair Specht calls roll and votes. No additional assenting votes. Motion fails 7-2.

Commissioner Eudaley-Loebach motions to leave the recommendation as is. Commissioner Reber seconds. Motion carries 8-1.

Commissioner Kohlhaas motions to write a letter and send to PW, thanking them, recognizing improvements in their presentation and welcoming an ongoing discussion about community involvement and zero waste. Commissioner Kennicker seconds. Motion carries 9-0.

Commissioner Kohlhaas will draft the letter to be sent to Public Works.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS: Commissioner Boles has no report but pointed out that it is now snowing.

NEXT MEETING: The next commission meeting will occur on Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 5:00 pm. The location of the meeting will be at the Jule Operations and Training Center, 949 Kerper Boulevard or virtually via Go To Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The Commission adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Minutes approved by: _____


Leah Specht, Commission Chair

Prepared by: _____


Gina Bell, Sustainable Community Coordinator