

CITY OF ARCATA
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**ENERGY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**Council Chamber
736 F Street, Arcata**

**JANUARY 13, 2020
MONDAY, 5:30 PM**

I. ROLL CALL.

PRESENT: Slackerelli, Williamson, Zoellick (5:35 PM), Coss, Alstone

ABSENT: Kowalski, Paliaga

Pat Carr from 350 Humboldt attended the meeting for reach code updates.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

A. Energy Committee - Regular Meeting - Nov 18, 2019 5:30 PM

ON A MOTION BY ALSTONE, SECONDED BY SLACKERELLI AND BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE, THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 18TH, 2019 MEETING WERE APPROVED. THE VOTES WERE AS FOLLOWS: AYES: ALSTONE, COSS, SLACKERELLI, WILLIAMSON. NOES: NONE. ABSTENTIONS: NONE. ABSENT: KOWALSKI, PALIAGA, ZOELICK.

III. ORAL COMMUNICATONS.

None.

IV. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS.

V. NEW BUSINESS.

A. REVIEW ANNUAL GOALS.

Review Committee goals in relation to Council Goals

1. Energy Goals from Fiscal Year 2019/20

1) Reach Codes - continue to explore and make recommendations relevant to implementing reach codes in Arcata consistent with the 2019 California Green Building Code

2) Arcata Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan/Climate Action Plan - Continue to work with the County to develop a regional plan and update the City's current plan with consideration of adopting thresholds of significance for Arcata.

3) Transportation Mode Shift - Consistent with the Climate Action Plan - continue work related to shifting transportation toward walking, biking, public transportation and electric modes of transport - including outreach projects on walking/biking maps, walkability;

4) Arcata All Electric Initiative - Continue work to Develop a 15-year plan to phase out Natural Gas City-wide including looking at strategies to require and/or incentive private development to utilize all electric construction.

5) Explore low carbon options for community resiliency - Explore the benefit of solar with battery backup options

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B. 15 YEAR PHASE OUT OF NATURAL GAS

City Council's 15 year plan to phase out Natural Gas city wide. Discuss options and select a subcommittee.

On a motion by Zoelick, seconded by Slackerelli, and by unanimous voice vote the Plan for Natural Gas Phase Out was approved. The votes were as follows: ayes: Alstone, Coss, Slackerelli, Williamson, Zoelick. Noes: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Kowalski, Paliaga.

C. UTILIZING ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTION

Develop strategies to require and/or incentive private development to utilize all electric construction.

VI. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

A. RCEA UPDATE

B. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

A. ENERGY CODE ENFORCEMENT

B. CAP SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

C. CHAIR & VICE CHAIR NOMINATION

VIII. ADJOURNMENT.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM.