MAHTOMEDI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
March 8, 2021
6:30 P.M.

Meeting to be held electronically pursuant to Minn. Stat. Sec. 13D.021
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1.	**CALL TO ORDER**	**6:30**
2.	**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**	
3.	**APPROVAL OF THE February 8, 2021 MEETING MINUTES**	
4.	**NEW BUSINESS**	**6:35**
5.	**OLD BUSINESS** - **Sustainability Plan – Roxy Robertson, WSB**	**6:35**
6.	**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**	
7.	**ADJOURNMENT**	**7:45**

MAHTOMEDI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 8, 2021

A regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was held on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Present were Commission members: Mike Chevalier, Christine Ahmann-Maples, Kevin Toskey, Will Seuffert, and Scott Peterson. Absent: Brandon Cass and Peter Merrill.

Also present: Council Member Jeff Ledermann, City Administrator Scott Neilson, Roxy Robertson, WSB, and Julia Eagles.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Toskey to approve the agenda. Seconded by Maples. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Seuffert to approve the January 11, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Toskey. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Minnesota Local Government Coalition Regulatory Engagement Roadmap Xcel Energy 2020-2034 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)

Julia Eagles, Associate Director of Utility and Regulatory Strategy for the Institute for Market Transformation presented a power point presentation of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). The plan is a long- term vision for resource development, load projections consisting of preferred plans such as wind and solar and the retirement of energy resources such as coal and nuclear.

Local government has an interest to engage in the plan because local government sustainability plans relate to Xcel's plans as they relate to energy and carbon reductions.

Motion by Toskey, seconded by Chevalier to recommend to the Council to sign on to the joint letter in response to the Xcel Energy Integrated Resource Plan. Motion carried with Commissioner Seuffert abstaining.

Discussion of Resolution of Support for Clean Cars Minnesota.

Conservation Minnesota has provided a Resolution for the City to adopt in support of MPCA's Clean Cars rule which supports Governor Walz announcement that Minnesota would be joining 14 other states in adopting clean car standards, which are regulations and incentives for the auto industry aimed at reducing pollution and giving customers more choices for low and zero emission vehicles.

Attached, is an example of the Resolution. Motion by Peterson, seconded by Toskey to recommend to the Council approval of the Resolution of Support for Clean Cars Minnesota. Motion carried.

If the Council approves the Resolution, a copy will be sent to the MPCA.

OLD BUSINESS

Sustainability Plan

Roxy Robertson of WSB presented the draft so far of work on the Sustainability Plan. Commissioner Toskey presented an update document consisting of ideas from Burnsville and Northfield as well as the information former Commissioner Kimberly Byrd compiled. Attached is the document.

As part of work on the Sustainability Plan, Roxy presented a proposal from LHB to collect community wide energy, waste, water, and greenhouse gas emissions data from 2018, 2019, and 2020 for $3,500.00. The Commission feels the collection of this information will be worthwhile.

Motion by Commissioner Seuffert, seconded Commissioner Peterson to recommend approval of the LHB proposal to the City Council. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following are on the agenda for the March Environmental Commission Meeting:

1. Sustainability Plan

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Seuffert, seconded by Maples to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25.

Scott Neilson
City Administrator

RESOLUTION NO. __
A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CLEAN CARS MINNESOTA

WHEREAS, transportation is the largest emitter of greenhouse gases (GHGs), both nationally and in Minnesota, making the sector a significant contributor to climate change, which is already affecting Minnesotans.

WHEREAS, the Next Generation Energy Act of 2007, directed the state of Minnesota to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 15% by 2015, 30% by 2025, and 80% by 2050 (from 2005 levels).

WHEREAS, Minnesota did not hit the 2015 target and is not on pace to meet future goals.

WHEREAS, Tailpipe pollution from vehicles is one of the primary sources of exposure to harmful air pollutants in many communities around Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Reducing emissions would have a positive impact on the communities that are disproportionately exposed to tailpipe pollution, particularly communities of color and lower-income communities in Minnesota.

WHEREAS, In 2019, Governor Walz announced that Minnesota would be joining 14 other states and the District of Columbia in adopting "clean car standards," which are regulations and incentives for the auto industry aimed at reducing pollution and giving customers more choices for low and zero emission vehicles.

WHEREAS, There are more makes and models of zero emission vehicles available in states that have adopted the clean car standard than can be acquired in Minnesotans.

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has been given the authority by the state though statute 116.70 subd 2(a) to act on reducing emissions in order to protect Minnesota air, water and health. Therefore the MPCA has been directed to lead the rule making process for the clean car standard.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mahtomedi, Minnesota that the City formally approves the Resolution of Support for the MPCA Rule making to adopt the Clean Cars Standards

Attest:_____ _____
____, City Clerk _____, Mayor

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON) SS
CITY OF MAHTOMEDI)

CERTIFICATE OF CITY CLERK

I, the undersigned duly appointed and acting City Clerk for the City of Mahtomedi do hereby certify that the attached and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Mahtomedi City Council at its Regular Meeting of [month] X, 2021, and as recorded in the Minutes of said Regular Meeting.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said City this X day of [month], 2021.

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City Clerk

Sustainability Plan Update

Energy

Comp. Plan Goals:

1. 30% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and 100% reduction by 2050.
2. 1.4% average annual energy savings to reduce energy consumption 19% by 2030.
3. Establish zoning ordinances to allow solar as accessory use in all districts.
4. Encourage residents to use or subscribe to renewable energy resources.
5. Protective access to solar resources and maximize renewable energy in new development.

Ideas from Burnsville/Northfield

1. Increase on-site renewable energy to 7.5% of residential and commercial electric use by 2030 (B)
2. Increase commercial/industrial green power purchasing to 7.5% of commercial use (B)
3. Renewable natural gas – by 2030, 5% of natural gas consumption will be renewable natural gas purchases (B)
4. Increase solar garden subscriptions – 50% increase by 2025 and 100% increase by 2030 (B).
5. Support stretch code for higher efficiency standards in large commercial buildings (N). Green Step Best Practice 1,2
6. Implement voluntary green building code and incentives for large commercial buildings (N). Require buildings with public funding to be built to green building standards. Green Step Best Practice 3.
7. 10% of city city-wide electricity from rooftop and ground-mount solar by 2030 (N). Green Step Best Practice 26.
8. Explore policy options to incentivize solar ready and EV-ready homes by 2020 (N). Green Step Best Practice 2.

Kim's Ideas

1. Solar Assessment and Development
   - Implement SolSmart recommendations
   - Promote resident/business purchases or generation of clean energy. Green Step 26.2.
   - Support community solar garden or help residents participate in renewable energy projects. Green Step 26.4.
   - Participate in renewable energy financing program such as PACE for commercial property owners to install generation capacity/energy efficiency equipment. Green Step 26.3
2. Energy Efficiency and Conservation: Public Buildings
   - Continue to audit city buildings using B3 benchmarking system.
   - Participate in state or utility programs for rebates or assistance for improvements to public buildings.
   - Invest in energy efficient opportunities through larger financed projects or small retrofit projects in public buildings. Green Step 1.3.

- Document that new construction or major remodeling of public buildings has been the SB 2030 energy standard. Green Step 1.5.

3. Private Buildings
   - Create of participate in marketing/incentive program to promote residential energy/water use reduction and energy efficiency. Green Step 2.1
   - Integrate green building best practices information and assistance into building permit process. Green Step 2.2.
   - Provide a financial or other incentive to private parties who add energy/sustainability improvements, meet the SB 2030 energy standard, or renovate using green building or energy framework. Green Step 2.6.
   - Continue to collaborate with non-profits that assist with bulk solar contracts for private homes.
   - Support Zephyr Wind Project with their efforts.
   - Develop standardization for green site selection and building design.
4. New Green Buildings
   - Encourage/require new buildings to use ENERGY STAR.
   - Customize a model sustainability building policy that includes SB 2030 standard and adopt language governing new private development projects that receive city financial support or require city regulatory approval. Green Step 3.3.
   - Provide financial incentive to private parties who build new buildings that utility SB 2030 energy standard or green building framework. Green Step 3.4.
   - Create/modify green residential remodeling assistance program to assist homeowners in adding space or features such as EV charging, renewables to existing homes. Green Step 5.4.

Water

Comp. Plan Goals

1. Educate residents about the water quality benefits of rain gardens and living streets, and provide support and guidance on installation.
2. Reduce community water use and energy needed to treat, deliver, and collect wastewater.
3. Identify and plan for means to protect and improve surface and groundwater quality.
4. Protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat and water recreational facilities.
5. Stormwater Management Plan already has goals to improve water quality for Lost Lake and White Bear Lake.
6. Work with RCWD and VBWD to maintain and enhance water quality in Mahtomedi.

Ideas from Burnsville/Northfield

1. Increase use of smart irrigation systems and conversation fixtures at city facilities and continue to provide and explore new opportunities for resident rebate programs (B).
2. Implement three water reuse projects by 2030 (B).
3. Continue to partner with county for rain barrel program for residential use.
4. Continue to educate residents on water quality initiatives, such as reducing inflow/infiltration, rebate programs, and ways to help improve water quality for impaired waters.

Kim's Ideas

- Demonstrate a steady decrease in pollutant levels toward a level below TMDL levels (STAR rating system?)
- Public education on city lawn watering restrictions.
- Connect residents and businesses with education and information on reduced cost or rebated water reduction fixtures.
- Identify highest water use customers in the city and work with them to reduce consumption.
- Complete Blue Star city stormwater management assessment. Green Step 17.2.
- Adopt and implement guidelines or design standards for at least one of the following: rain gardens/infiltration practices, rainwater harvesting practices, green alleys/parking lots. Green Step 17.5.
- Consistently monitor surface water quality/clarity and report findings to community. Green Step 19.1.
- Adopt and report on measurable, publicly announced surface water improvement targets. Green Step 19.3.
- Conduct community conversations, assessments, plans and actions around improving local water quality and quantity. Green Step 19.2.
- Plan for vegetative buffers along water bodies to prevent non-point pollution.
- Establish ongoing budget and program for decreasing inflow and infiltration into sewer lines. Green Step 20.3.

- Implement a wastewater plant efficiency project or a program for local private business operations for water conservation or water reuse. Green Step 20.6.

Travel/Transportation

Comp. Plan Goals

1. Promote sustainable transportation infrastructure and adopt zoning language that aligns with Green Streets Program strategies.
2. Pursue becoming recognized as a bicycle friendly community through the League of American Bicyclists.
3. Encourage green business development, such as promoting shared parking to reduce pavement, buildings located within walking distance from transit.
4. Work to provide a wide range of transportation options, including transit, walking, biking in addition to driving.
5. Provide a transportation system that supports a vibrant economy and healthy lifestyle.
6. Promote transportation options, including walking and biking infrastructure, that helps reduce fossil fuel consumption.
7. Support of "complete streets" process in roadway reconstruction where appropriate and feasible.
8. Explore opportunities to improve intersection crossing for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Ideas from Burnsville/Northfield

1. Increase public transit ridership from 4.5% to 6% of commuters by 2030 (B).
    - Create multimodal transportation plan
    - Coordinate with transit authorities
2. Increase walk/bike transportation by 0.5% by 2030 (B).
    - Create a trails gap map, work with new development to fill gaps.
3. Increase electric vehicle adoption to 10% of citywide vehicle share by 2030 (B).
    - Encourage installation through PUD/CUP permitting.
    - Incentivize installation of EV charging for commercial development.
4. Provide adequate public charging spaces that can accommodate multiple charging ports; connect these to solar energy if possible (N).
5. Partner with local business to catalyze EV charging infrastructure (N).

Kim's Ideas:

- Identify, prioritize, and remedy complete streets and lack of connectivity in road network. Green Step 11.4.
- Identify street-trail gaps and remedy areas without safe walkways. Green Step 11.5.
- Adopt a complete streets policy that addresses landscaping and stormwater. Green Step 11.1.
- Work with Met Council to increase public transit ridership and expansion of opportunities.
- Complete Green Streets program.
- Increase waling, biking and transit through promotion, increasing bike storage options, be recognized as a Walk Friendly or Bicycle Friendly Community. Green Step 12.1.
- Right size/down size city fleet with most fuel efficient vehicles for their intended functions. Green Step 13.2
- Phase in operational changes to city fleet, including electric vehicles. Green Step 13.3.
- Install, assist with and promote publicly available EV charging stations for alternative fuel vehicles. Green Step 23.5.

- Examine further opportunities for Safe Routes to School, with funding.
- Work with school and neighboring communities to promote carpooling, bicycling, and walking.
- Launch an Active Living campaign such as a Safe Routes to School program. Green Step 12.2.
- Add/expand transit service, or promote car/bike sharing. Green Step 12.4, 12.6.

Healthy Community

Comp. Plan Goals

1. Use a committee to lead, coordinate, and report on implementation of GreenStep best practices.
2. Increase community access to local food resources by promoting CSAs, Mahtomedi Farmer's Market, and residential and community gardens.
3. Implement incentives that encourage local businesses to participate in sustainable practices, such as Washington County Business Recycling Program.
4. Develop specific health community initiatives and strategies in the city's Sustainability Plan update.
5. Integrate climate resilience into city planning, policy, operations, and budgeting processes.

Ideas from Burnsville/Northfield

1. Develop a standardized educational program on ways to improve health of citizens, workers, and students.
2. Meet or exceed goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions from city operations by 40%, while encouraging the public to reduce emissions and pollutants.
3. Educate employees on current environmental policies and develop in areas that are lacking and enforce those policies.
4. Explore more options to reduce heat island/roof effects and educate public/business about potential effects and areas of improvement.
5. Expand climate adaptation capacity and preparedness within the community.

Kim's Ideas

- Increase public visibility with sustainable decisions made by the City.
- Connect with schools, churches, retirement communities, and environmental groups to work together on sustainable initiatives.
- Report progress to city residents in yearly "Green Talk" article.
- Identify health metrics that will demonstrate success.
- Conduct a broad sustainability education/action campaign involving community, churches, schools, homeowners. Green Step 24.4.
- Engage with Minnesota Regional Indicators Project.
- Highlight green business activities of local businesses.
- Encourage walkability along downtown storefronts.
- Connect with local businesses and utility programs about sustainable practices.
- Increase community access to local food resources by creating, assisting with, and promoting local food production/distribution within the city though CSAs, farmer's markets, etc. Green Step 27.4
- Facilitate creation of home gardens, chicken/bee keeping, and incorporation of good growing areas. Green Step 27.2.
- Create or participate in marketing/outreach program connect businesses with assistance providers, that can provide audits and assistance. Green Step 25.2.
- Promote green businesses that are recognized under a local, regional, or national program. Green Step 25.6.

- Protect public infrastructure and public buildings to reduce physical damages and sustain function during extreme weather events. Green Step 29.5, 29.7.
- Integrate climate resilience into city or tribal planning, policy, operations, and budgeting processes. Green Step 29.2.

Waste

Comp. Plan Goals

1. Implement actions or develop policy that minimizes the production of waste by maximizing reuse, recycling, and composting.
2. Encourage green business development during redevelopment.

Ideas from Burnsville/Northfield

1. Reduce waste in city operations by measuring waste in all facilities and work towards an 85% diversion rate.
    - Implement environmentally preferable purchasing policy.
2. Increase residential recycling and waste reduction.
    - Promote county compost and yard waste crop off sites, work with county to develop compost drop off site in the city.
    - Support community projects, such as neighborhood compost projects, took libraries, and fit-it clinics.
    - Explore options for organized solid waste collection.
3. Promote commercial and multi-family recycling.
    - Connect multifamily properties to county recycling programs.

Kim's Ideas

- Encourage composting of food waste in assisted living facilities and local hospitality and food service industries.
- Continue to use minimal amount of pesticides for use in public spaces.
- Increase recycling opportunities through city, including recycling receptacles in public and park spaces, gas stations, and public events.
- Increase multi-family residence and business participation in single-sort recycling program. Green Step 22.6.
- Implement organics or yard waste collection or community composting services in city. Green Step 22.5.
- Prevent, recycle and compost wate/toxins generated from internal city operations. Green Step 22.1.
- Address concerns over consumer products and packing through encouragement/implementation of: Green Step 22.2.
    - Education on prevention and alternatives.
    - Reuse options
    - Recycling/composting options
    - Credits, fees.
    - Mandates/bans.

Sustainability Plan Goals Survey

Please use the following google form link to complete the goals survey after you have reviewed and prioritized your top 5 goals from each category.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wmKl_CWYH4JHkH35MxV6Imb2-U6__uJOpevBJvTxCi4/edit?usp=sharing

Ecological

1. Adopt or amend tree ordinance language to promote species diversity of future tree plantings to reduce concerns for tree species which are targeted by disease and biological pressures.
2. Adopt a sustainable vegetation management ordinance which allows for tall native grass plantings/lawns.
3. Develop a Natural Resources Management Plan to identify areas of sensitive resources, and to incorporate protection, restoration, and maintenance of priority natural resources.
4. Incentivize native, pollinator-friendly plantings on residential property.
5. Install wetland buffers on X linear feet of unprotected wetland edges.
6. Increase the acres of parkland or open space. Green Step Best Practice 8.2.
7. Establish XX linear feet of un-mowed native vegetated buffer strips adjacent to wetlands/shoreland on public and private lands. Green Step 19.5.
8. Remove X% of terrestrial noxious weed species from City-owned land by 20XX.
9. Include considerations for open space fragmentation in plan review process. Green Step 6.4.
10. Establish and label monarch way stations to increase habitat for the monarch butterfly, a species soon to be listed as either threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act.
11. Establish pollinator-friendly landscapes within X number of City parks.
12. Create park/city land management standards/practices that maximize at least one of the following (Green Step 18.5):
    a. Low maintenance turf management; native landscaping; organic or integrated pest management; pollinator/monarch-safe policies.
    b. Recycling/compostables collection; use of compost as a soil amendment.
    c. Sources of non-potable water, or surface/rainwater for irrigation.
13. Develop a program to involve community members in hands-on land restoration and stewardship projects, such as students. Green Step 18.8.

Energy

1. Organize a meeting between the City and Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERT) to discuss resources, tools, guidance, connections, and funding and financing opportunities for the City regarding clean energy options.

2. Implement community solar workshops with Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERT).
3. Promote at least one of the following means of increasing renewable generation (Green Step 26.2):
    a. A local utility's green power purchasing program that allows residents/businesses to order/buy new renewable energy.
    b. Local, state, and federal financial incentives for property owners to install renewable energy systems.
4. Integrate green building best practices information and assistance into building permit process. Green Step 2.2.
5. Reduce the amount spent on energy per square foot/year in City buildings by X%. Green Step Best Practice 1.2.
6. Increase on-site renewable energy to X% of residential and commercial electric use by 20XX.
7. Increase commercial/industrial green power purchasing to X% of commercial use.
8. Renewable natural gas – by 2030, X% of natural gas consumption will be renewable natural gas purchases.
9. Increase solar garden subscriptions – X% increase by 20XX and 100% increase by 20XX.
10. X% of city-wide electricity from rooftop and ground-mount solar by 20XX. Green Step Best Practice 26.
11. Implement policy options to incentivize solar ready and EV-ready homes by 20XX. Green Step Best Practice 2.
12. Support community solar garden or help residents participate in renewable energy projects. Green Step 26.4.
13. Promote resident/business purchases or generation of clean energy. Green Step 26.2.
14. Participate in renewable energy financing program such as PACE for commercial property owners to install generation capacity/energy efficiency equipment. Green Step 26.3
15. Implement voluntary green building code and incentives for large commercial buildings.
16. Require buildings with public funding to be built to green building standards. Green Step Best Practice 3.
17. Create or participate in marketing/incentive program to promote residential energy/water use reduction and energy efficiency. Green Step 2.1
18. Provide a financial or other incentive to private parties who add energy/sustainability improvements, meet the SB 2030 energy standard, or renovate using green building or energy framework. Green Step 2.6.
19. Encourage/require new buildings to use ENERGY STAR.
20. Customize a model sustainability building policy that includes SB 2030 standard and adopt language governing new private development projects that receive city financial support or require city regulatory approval. Green Step 3.3.
21. Provide financial incentive to private parties who build new buildings that meet SB 2030 energy standard or green building framework. Green Step 3.4.
22. Create/modify green residential remodeling assistance program to assist homeowners in adding space or features such as EV charging, renewables to existing homes. Green Step 5.4.
23. Participate in state or utility programs for rebates or assistance for improvements to public buildings.

24. Invest in energy efficient opportunities through larger financed projects or small retrofit projects in public buildings. Green Step 1.3.
25. Document that new construction or major remodeling of public buildings follows the SB 2030 energy standard. Green Step 1.5.
26. Replace city-owned gasoline powered equipment with lower polluting equipment. Green Step 23.3.d.

Water

Education

1. Educate residents about the water quality benefits of rain gardens and living streets, and provide support and guidance on installation.
2. Develop education/outreach for residents on water quality initiatives, such as reducing inflow/infiltration, lawn watering, rebate programs for water reduction fixtures, and ways to help improve water quality for impaired waters.
3. Conduct community conversations, assessments, plans and actions around improving local water quality and quantity. Green Step 19.2.
4. Create a water conservation event or initiative that involves the community.

Operations

5. Adopt and report of measurable, publicly announced surface water improvement targets for water bodies. Green Step 19.3.
6. Reduce community water use and energy needed to treat, deliver, and collect wastewater.
7. Increase use of smart irrigation systems and conversation fixtures at city facilities and continue to provide and explore new opportunities for resident rebate programs.
8. Implement X number of water reuse projects by 20XX.
9. Identify highest water use customers in the city and work with them to reduce consumption.
10. Adopt and implement guidelines or design standards for at least one of the following: rain gardens/infiltration practices, rainwater harvesting practices, green alleys/parking lots. Green Step 17.5.
11. Monitor surface water quality/clarity and report findings to community. Green Step 19.1.
12. Adopt and report on measurable, publicly announced surface water improvement targets. Green Step 19.3.
13. Plan for vegetative buffers along water bodies to prevent non-point pollution.
14. Establish ongoing budget and program for decreasing inflow and infiltration into sewer lines. Green Step 20.3.
15. Implement a wastewater plant efficiency project or a program for local private business operations for water conservation or water reuse. Green Step 20.6.

Travel/Transportation

1. Participate in Project Green Fleet to retrofit diesel vehicles.

2. Collaborate with the school district to make the bus fleets more fuel efficient, such as through Project Greet Fleet.
3. Increase electric vehicle adoption to X% of city fleet by 2030.
4. Promote sustainable transportation infrastructure and adopt zoning language that aligns with Green Streets Program strategies.
5. Encourage green business development, such as promoting shared parking to reduce pavement, buildings located within walking distance from transit.
6. Explore opportunities to improve intersection crossing for pedestrians and bicyclists.
7. Increase public transit ridership from X% to X% of commuters by 2030.
8. Increase walk/bike transportation by X% by 2030.
9. Create a trails gap map, work with new development to fill gaps. Green Step 11.5.
10. Encourage EV charging station installation through PUD/CUP permitting.
11. Incentivize installation of EV charging for commercial development.
12. Provide adequate public charging spaces that can accommodate multiple charging ports; connect these to solar energy if possible.
13. Partner with local business to catalyze EV charging infrastructure.
14. Identify, prioritize, and remedy complete streets and lack of connectivity in road network. Green Step 11.4.
15. Adopt a complete streets policy that addresses landscaping and stormwater. Green Step 11.1.
16. Work with Met Council to increase public transit ridership and expansion of opportunities.
17. Complete Green Streets program and adopt zoning language that aligns with the Green Streets Program strategies. Green Step 12.4, 12.6.
18. Increase walking, biking and transit through promotion, increasing bike storage options, be recognized as a Walk Friendly or Bicycle Friendly Community. Green Step 12.1.
19. Right size/downsize city fleet with most fuel efficient vehicles for their intended functions. Green Step 13.2
20. Work with school and neighboring communities to promote carpooling, bicycling, and walking.
21. Launch an Active Living campaign such as a Safe Routes to School program. Green Step 12.2.

Healthy Community

1. Incorporate multiple alternative engagement strategies into the planning process that are convenient and accessible such as morning meetings, childcare, social media, "meeting in a box", and online resources.
2. Implement incentives that encourage local businesses to participate in sustainable practices, such as Washington County Business Recycling Program, no single use containers/bags, etc.
3. Integrate climate resilience into city planning, policy, operations, and budgeting processes and expand climate adaptation capacity and preparedness within the community. Green Step 29.2.
4. Develop a standardized educational program on ways to improve health of citizens, workers, and students.
5. Encourage the public to reduce emissions and pollutants.
6. Educate employees on current environmental policies and develop in areas that are lacking and enforce those policies.
7. Explore more options to reduce heat island/roof effects and educate public/business about potential effects and areas of improvement.

8. Report progress to city residents in yearly "Green Talk" article and increase public visibility with sustainable decisions made by the City.
9. Conduct a broad sustainability education/action campaign involving community, churches, schools, homeowners. Green Step 24.4.
10. Increase community access to local food resources by creating, assisting with, and promoting local food production/distribution within the city though CSAs, farmer's markets, and dedicating more space for community gardens. Green Step 27.3
11. Facilitate creation of home gardens, chicken/bee keeping, and incorporation of good growing areas. Green Step 27.2.
12. Create or participate in marketing/outreach program connect businesses with assistance providers that can provide audits and assistance. Green Step 25.2.
13. Promote green businesses that are recognized under a local, regional, or national program. Green Step 25.6.
14. Protect public infrastructure and public buildings to reduce physical damages and sustain function during extreme weather events. Green Step 29.5, 29.7.
15. Dedicate space for a year-round farmers market.

Waste

1. Set minimum standards for the percentage of recycled-content material in asphalt and roadbed aggregate or other construction materials, and for compost use (Green Step 15.5).
2. Implement actions or develop policy that minimizes the production of waste by maximizing reuse, recycling, and composting.
3. Encourage green business development during redevelopment
4. Reduce waste in city operations by measuring waste in all facilities and work towards an 85% diversion rate.
5. Implement environmentally preferable purchasing policy within City operations directing the City to purchase at least (Green Step 15.1):
    a. EnergyStar certified equipment and appliances
    b. Paper containing at lease 30% post-consumer recycled content.
6. Support community projects, such as neighborhood compost projects, libraries, and fit-it clinics.
7. Increase commercial and multi-family recycling and connect multi-family properties to county recycling programs. Green Step 22.6.
8. Encourage composting of food waste in assisted living facilities and local hospitality and food service industries.
9. Increase recycling opportunities through city, including recycling receptacles in public and park spaces, gas stations, and public events.
10. Implement organics or yard waste collection or community composting services in city. Green Step 22.5.
11. Prevent, recycle and compost waste/toxins generated from internal city operations. Green Step 22.1.
12. Address concerns over consumer products and packing through encouragement/implementation of: Green Step 22.2.
    - Education on prevention and alternatives.
    - Reuse options

- Recycling/composting options
- Credits, fees.
- Mandates/bans.