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Environmental Commission Meeting

Wednesday, January 2, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Public Works Building
7700 Southern Avenue

MINUTES

Present:

Urania Erskine
Andy Foster
Alderman Rocky Janda
Linda Kaplan
Francoise Mireles
Paul Mosteller
Susan Threlkeld
Jayu Wagh

Staff:

Bo Mills

Absent:

Chairman Joe Skelley
Kathy Cross
Jimmy Davis
Joe Nunes
Scott Schoefernacker

CALL TO ORDER:

Director Mills called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

A quorum for the Environmental Commission meeting was established.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

In Chairman Skelley's absence, Director Mills passed out the Code of Ethical Conduct for Officials of the City of Germantown for Commission Members to review and sign.



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Commission Direction:

- Water Tower
- Continue the "ReStore" – Habitat for Humanity project for Amnesty Day
- Eliminating plastic grocery bags in Germantown

ALDERMAN LIAISON REPORT:

Alderman Rocky Janda:

Problems with recycle collection:

- Do not bag recycles.
- Put recycle cart 3' away from solid waste cart.
- Create a sticker with these instructions for carts.

STAFF REPORTS:

Director Bo Mills:

-FY20 CIP "Wish List"

- Elevated Water Tower – East of the New School
- Annexation Area Water Main Design and Construction – Phase II
 - Connect to 12" main & extend southward down Forest Hill Irene to the West TN Veteran's Cemetery services.
- Water System Acquisition Funding South of Winchester Road from MLGW
- Automated Meter Reading Phase I
 - Pilot using City's Commercial Meters
- Sanitary Sewer Flowmeters Phase I
 - City of Memphis could require at all 12 points of discharge in the near future

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS:

Urania Erskine:

- Signage needed at Germantown Road at McVay Extended because of traffic congestion.

Linda Kaplan:

- "Bagging in Brooklyn" – Items sold in bulk and consumers use recycled bottles and packages when purchasing.

Paul Mosteller:

- Cover faucets to avoid frozen pipes.

Francois Mireles:

- Kroger is phasing out single-use plastic bags in its stores by 2025.



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- According to the store's estimates, 100 billion single-use plastic bags are thrown away in the U.S. each year and less than 5 percent of plastic bags are recycled.

Jayu Wagh:

- Disposal of Thermocol – if dipped in acetone, the Thermocol collapses and becomes a clay-like material that can be used in artwork. Also, the new material will take up less space in a landfill when disposed of.

Susan Threlkeld:

- Nothing to Report

Andy Foster:

- Fed Ex Offices now using corn based certified compostables such as cups and utensils; Their packaging states recyclable in industrial facilities and are #7 Recycle Type.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Date for Commission Meetings: Propose that the meetings be moved to the second Thursday of the month; Motion made by Urania Erskine and seconded by Andy Foster. The next meeting will be held February 14th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.



Joe Skelley, Commission Chairman

