

**PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Approved Minutes**

DATE: February 7, 2023

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Fillmore Street Complex

PRESENT: Gretchen Cosby, Lucy Ebel, Doug Zylstra, Jacob Bonnema, Joe Moss, Rebekah Curran, Sylvia Rhodea, Roger Belknap, and Allison Miedema (9)

ABSENT: Roger Bergman (1)

**SUBJECT: CONSENT ITEMS**

PP 23-006 Motion: To approve the agenda of today with the following amended language to Action Item #1, "To direct the County Administrator to work with Corporate Counsel to develop a Public Comment Policy to submit to the Rules Committee", and to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2023, Planning and Policy Committee meeting.  
Moved by: Miedema UNANIMOUS

**SUBJECT: ONLINE COMMENT POLICY**

PP 23-007 Motion: To direct the County Administrator to work with Corporate Counsel to develop a Public Comment Policy to submit to the Rules Committee.  
Moved by: Miedema

The motion passed by the following votes: Yeas: Gretchen Cosby, Douglas Zylstra, Jacob Bonnema, Allison Miedema, Rebekah Curran, Lucy Ebel, Joe Moss, Sylvia Rhodea, Roger Belknap. (9)

PP 23-008 Motion: To amend the motion to instruct the County Administrator and Corporate Counsel to form a policy with the presupposition that public e-comments will be made public online.  
Moved by: Zylstra

The motion failed by the following votes: Nays: Joe Moss, Gretchen Cosby, Jacob Bonnema, Sylvia Rhodea, Allison Miedema, Lucy Ebel, Roger Belknap. (7)

Yeas: Rebekah Curran and Douglas Zylstra. (2)

PP 23-009 Motion: To schedule a Work Session to review, and if needed, update, By-Laws and Ordinances for all committees and boards.  
Moved by: Moss UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Bergman joined the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

1. Update on Consumers Energy Campbell Power Plant-Several Commissioners commented on this issue. They plan to set up a meeting with Consumers in the very near future to discuss the plan.
2. Legislative Issues-
  - a. Current Legislative Priorities- Patrick Waterman gave an update on the current legislative priorities for February 2023.
3. Strategic Plan for 2024-Chairperson Belknap discussed the current process for the Strategic Plan.

SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Joe Spaulding-Holland Township
2. Teresa White-Robinson Township
3. Karen Obits-Spring Lake
4. Rebecca Patrick-Allendale Township

SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT

PP 23-010      Motion: To adjourn at 9:51 a.m.  
                  Moved by: Moss

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