



EDINA MINNESOTA

Energy & Environment Commission Meeting Agenda

July 9, 2026, 7:00 PM

Edina City Hall, Community Room, 4801 W. 50th St.



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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

4.1. May 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes

5. Special Recognitions and Presentations

5.1. Water Resources Update

6. Community Comment

During "Community Comment," the Board/Commission will invite residents to share issues or concerns that are not scheduled for a future public hearing. Items that are on tonight's agenda may not be addressed during Community Comment. Individuals must limit their comments to three minutes. The Chair may limit the number of speakers on the same issue in the interest of time and topic. Individuals should not expect the Chair or Board/Commission Members to respond to their comments tonight. Instead, the Board/Commission might refer the matter to staff for consideration at a future meeting.

7. Reports/Recommendations

7.1. Work Plan Modification

7.2. Work Plan Item 2: Education and Outreach to Schools

8. Chair and Member Comments

9. Staff Comments

9.1. Commissioner Expectations for City Council Endorsements

10. Adjournment



Item Number: 4.1

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Marisa Bayer, Sustainability Manager

Item Title: May 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Action Requested:

Approve meeting minutes.

Information/Background:

Review and approve May 14, 2026 meeting minutes.

Supporting Documentation:

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1. May 14, 2026 EEC Minutes

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May 14, 2026, 7:00 PM

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1. Call to Order

Chair Lukens called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. then shared the procedure for community comment.

2. Roll Call

Answering roll call were Chair Lukens, Vice-Chair Haugen, Commissioners Budin, Olson, Bartholomew, LaCasse, and Schima, and student Commissioners Lassig and Tyshow.

Commissioner Tessman arrived at 7:16 p.m.

Absent was Commissioner Martinez-Salgado.

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Schima made a motion, seconded by Bartholomew, to Approve the Meeting Agenda. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

4.1. March 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Schima made a motion, seconded by Haugen, to Approve the Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

5. Special Recognitions and Presentations

No special recognitions or presentations were received.

6. Community Comment

No community comment was received.

7. Reports/Recommendations

7.1. 2026-2027 Work Plan Updates

Commissioners gave progress updates on the work plan, including discussing removing the Green Business Outreach Program and replacing it with a new item related to dark skies and light pollution. Liaison Bayer advised a new work plan outline will need to be completed for Council approval, noting both the removal of the GBOP and replacing it with a new item will go to Council at one time as a mid-point work plan modification.

Tessman made a motion, seconded by Bartholomew, to remove the Green Business Outreach Program from the work plan. Motion carried. Chair Lukens and Commissioner Olson will prepare a new work plan item related to dark skies for review at a future meeting.

8. Chair and Member Comments

9. Staff Comments

10. Adjournment

Haugen made a motion, seconded by LaCasse, to Adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.



Item Number: 5.1

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Information

Prepared By: Marisa Bayer, Sustainability Manager

Item Title: Water Resources Update

Action Requested:

No action requested.

Information/Background:

Water Resources Manager Jessica Vanderwerff Wilson will present Edina's annual water resources update.

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Item Number: 7.1

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Action

Prepared By: Marisa Bayer, Sustainability Manager

Item Title: Work Plan Modification

Action Requested:

Approve Work Plan Modification to Add New Initiative.

Information/Background:

EEC voted to discontinue Work Plan Initiative 7, Green Business Outreach Program (GBOP) at its May 2026 meeting. Commissioner Olson prepared an alternative work plan item related to dark skies. Commissioners should discuss the draft item and vote to approve it as a mid-year work plan modification.

If approved by the EEC, the commission will need to present the new initiative to the City Council for approval. The commission should determine who will present this item and Liaison Bayer will coordinate to have this on a future council agenda (Tuesday, July 21 or Wednesday, August 5).

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1. EEC WP Modification Draft (Board Portal)



Item Number: 7.2

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Discussion

Prepared By: Marisa Bayer, Sustainability Manager

Item Title: Work Plan Item 2: Education and Outreach to Schools

Action Requested:

No action.

Information/Background:

Discuss engagement framework for Work Plan Item 2: Education and Outreach to Schools.

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None



Item Number: 9.1

Department: Public Works

Item Activity: Information

Prepared By: Marisa Bayer, Sustainability Manager

Item Title: Commissioner Expectations for City Council Endorsements

Action Requested:

No action.

Information/Background:

State General Election is Nov. 3, 2026, which includes city council elections. As a reminder, Commissioners may endorse candidates, but they should follow these guidelines:

1. Commissioners may write letters or make public posts related to local elections, including political endorsements. There is no City policy that prohibits a commissioner from submitting a letter to the editor or guest column, including one that endorses a candidate.
2. Commissioners may not use their commissioner title or reference their commission when writing letters or making public endorsements. Letters and endorsements must be submitted as a private resident. Commissioners should not identify themselves as a commissioner, chair, vice chair, or reference their commission affiliation.
3. Commissioners may write about issues that are important to them. If topics such as the arts, environment, housing, transportation, equity, or other community issues are important to them, they may discuss those issues in their letter or in public posts as long as they follow the guidelines above.
4. Letters must represent an individual viewpoint. To avoid the appearance of a commission endorsement, letters and posts should be authored and signed by a single commissioner. Commissioners should not co-author or jointly sign endorsements with other commissioners.

If a commission is unsure, they can contact MJ Lamon with questions.

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