



## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES

3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE  
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MONDAY, JULY 28, 2025

6:00 PM

### **Call to Order / Introductions**

The Environmental Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Teresa DeMars at 6:02 PM. Commissioners in attendance include Teresa DeMars, Lee Nordmeyer, Ann Poe, Kevin Theis. Commissioners absent include Richard Huston. Also, in attendance include Adam King – Environmental and Water Resource Coordinator, Harry Davis, AICP – City Planning Manager. Each commissioner and staff introduced themselves.

### **Approval of the Monday, July 28, 2025, Agenda**

Motion by Nordmeyer, seconded by Poe to approve the agenda as presented and carried unanimously.

### **Approval of the Monday, June 23, 2025, Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Poe, seconded by Nordmeyer to approve the Monday, June 23, 2025 Environmental Commission Meeting minutes and carried unanimously.

### **Items for Discussion / Action**

#### *Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for Archer Datacenters*

King presented the Response to Comments, the updated EAW, and Resolution ENV2025-01 Approving the Findings of Fact and Record of Decision for Archer Datacenters Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) and Negative Declaration Concerning the Need for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to the commission. The commissioners discussed the updated EAW and Resolution ENV2025-01. DeMars presented an additional resolution to the commission. The commissioners discussed the additional DeMars resolution, with staff providing guidance on what the City can and can not do, and the process of how changes in policy and ordinances are made. The commissioners amended the additional DeMars resolution and named it Resolution ENV2025-02. Davis updated the commission with the proposed timeline of bringing the decision of the project to the Planning Commission on Monday, August 04, 2025, and bringing the Environmental Commission and Planning Commission resolutions to the City Council at their Tuesday, August 12, 2025 meeting. A motion was made by Theis to approve both resolutions. Theis rescinded his motion. A motion was made by Theis, seconded by Poe to approve Resolution ENV2025-01 Approving the Findings of Fact and Record of Decision for Archer Datacenters Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) and Negative Declaration Concerning the Need for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) as presented and carried unanimously. A motion was made by Theis seconded by Poe to approve Resolution ENV2025-02 Requesting Strengthened Environmental Commitments for the Archer Datacenter Project as amended and carried unanimously.

#### *Energy Action Plan Implementation Update*

King presented the Partners in Energy Community 2024 Data Dashboard Year-End Program Summary, and the Partners in Energy Community Dashboard 2024 Executive Summary. The commissioners discussed the 2024 year-end summary and 2024 executive summary.

**Commissioner Reports and Updates**


King informed the commissioners that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is updating the Minnesota Nutrient Reduction Strategy and has released the draft for public comments. The commissioners provided reports and updates to projects they are working on.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Poe, seconded by Theis, to adjourn the Environmental Commission meeting and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.



Approved:	Date:	Recorder:
	08/25/2025	Adam King, Environmental and Water Resources Coordinator