

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Chair Bloom called the regular meeting of the Energy and Environment Commission to order at 5:35 p.m. from 200 Old Bernal, Council Chamber.

Chair Bloom led pledge of allegiance.

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Bowman, Jaishankar, Klein, Vice Chair Nene, and Chair Bloom

Commissioners Absent: Commissioners Liu and Lee

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve the meeting minutes of January 15, 2025

Recommendation: Approve the meeting minutes.

MOTION: It was m/s by Klein/Bowman to approve the Consent Calendar, as recommended. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Commissioners Bowman, Jaishankar, Klein, Vice Chair Nene, and Chair Bloom
Noes:	None
Absent:	Commissioner Liu and Lee
Abstain:	None

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2. Public comment regarding items not listed on the agenda.

Chair Bloom opened the public comment. There were no public comments. Chair Bloom closed the public comment.

PUBLIC HEARING AND OTHER MATTERS

3. Earth Day

Recommendation: Provide input on Earth Day activities.

Associate Planner Megan Campbell presented the staff report. The Energy and Environment Commission brainstormed potential activities for Earth Day including hosting a table with activities and attendance by certain Commission members.

STAFF UPDATE AND FUTURE CALENDAR

Associate Planner Megan Campbell provided a staff update on future items.

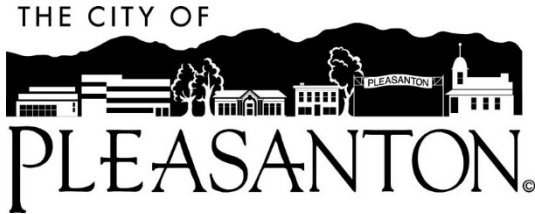
MATTERS INITIATED BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner Bowman requested discussion about a Sustainability Newsletter at the next Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bloom adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Megan Campbell



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Item 3

SUBJECT: Energy and Environment Commission Regular Dates

BACKGROUND

Annually, the Energy and Environment Commission reviews its regular meeting calendar and makes adjustments due to holidays or other potential schedule conflicts. The Energy and Environment Commission regular meetings are typically held at 5:30 pm on the third Wednesday bi-monthly (odd months). The Commission meets in the City Council Chamber at 200 Old Bernal Avenue. Given recent budget discussions, there may be a shift to a quarterly meeting schedule for the Commission. If approved, staff recommends a slight modification to the meetings for the remainder of the year.

DISCUSSION

So far in 2025, the Commission has held three regular meetings, including January 15, 2025, March 19, 2025, May 21, 2025. There are three regular meetings that remain on July 16, 2025, September 17, 2025, and November 19, 2025.

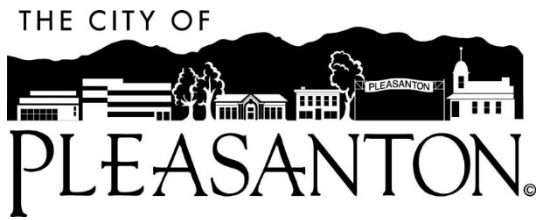
During the City Council budget discussions, it has been suggested that the Commission may transition to quarterly meetings. In 2026, that would result in four regularly scheduled meetings, one each quarter (i.e., January-March, April-June, July-September, and October-December). Special meetings may still be added throughout the year as needed.

The City Council will be formally adopting the budget in June 2025. If the Commission is to move to a quarterly format, staff recommends adjusting the 2025 schedule as follows:

- ~~July 16, 2025 Cancel~~
- September 17, 2025 *No change*
- November 19, 2025 *No change*

Submitted by:

Megan Campbell
Associate Planner



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TITLE: SUSTAINABILITY NEWSLETTER

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

At the March Commission meeting, an agenda item was requested to discuss a potential Sustainability Newsletter. This topic was discussed in September 2024 along with the Sustainability Awards. The Commission voted to first pursue implementing Sustainability Awards for the City and then an Environmental Newsletter. Ultimately, these items will be considered in the broader Sustainability work plan once the FY 2025/26-FY 2026/27 budget is adopted.

This is an opportunity for the Commission to discuss details around a potential newsletter including topics, frequency, and other details. No formal action is necessary for this item.

Submitted by:

Megan Campbell
Associate Planner