

**TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD**

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Meeting Date: October 24, 2011 **Start Time:** 1:02 p.m. **Adjournment:** 2:29 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Linda L. Koop (Chair), Sheffie Kadane (Vice-Chair), Sandy Greyson, Vonciel Jones Hill, Delia Jasso, and Pauline Medrano

Committee Members Absent:

None

Other Council Members Present:

None

City Executive Staff Present:

Jill Jordan, Assistant City Manager
Theresa O'Donnell, Director, Sustainable Development and Construction

TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes for September 26, 2011

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Motion was made to approve the minutes for the September 26, 2011 meeting subject to corrections. No corrections were suggested and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Made by: Kadane

Seconded by: Hill

Passed unanimously

2. Bureau Veritas Presentation of ISO 14001 Re-Certification

Chris Koci, Director of Operation for Bureau Veritas Certification, North America, presented the City of Dallas with a plaque certifying the renewal audit for outstanding performance of the ISO 14001.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Ms. Koop asked Mr. Koci to elaborate on ISO so the public will understand the process. Mr. Koci stated ISO is the environmental system that looks at the processes in place. Bureau Veritas inspected the quality management system of various departments pertaining to environment. Mr. Koci mentioned the City of Dallas is doing an excellent job.

Ms. Koop recognized the key city staff that played a major role in the project and noted that City of Dallas is the first City in the United States to become ISO Certified.

No action was taken on this item.

3. Update on Green Initiatives

Kris Sweckard, Managing Director, Office of Environment Quality, provided an update on other areas of environmental management, outlining the accomplishments, achievements, current, and future projects. Jill Jordan, Assistant City Manager, assisted in answering questions.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Mr. Sweckard mentioned two conferences that were held at the Dallas Convention Center; the 2010 GovEnergy Conference and a massive Solar Power International Conference, held the week of October 17, 2011. Ms. Koop suggested Mr. Sweckard notify the Committee of future energy conferences so they can attend.

Ms. Jasso asked if the contaminated water that is capped off could be used for other purposes. Mr. Sweckard confirmed the water cannot be used for other purposes; however, the water is tested and there may be instances when it can be used for irrigation but not for drinking.

Ms. Jasso asked when the decision will be made on the location of the donated electric charging stations. She suggested the Councilmembers be involved in the selection process. Mr. Sweckard stated Public Works and Equipment and Building Services are looking at the process and he is working with the Attorney's Office on the contract, which is scheduled for completion early next year.

Ms. Koop mentioned there is a charging station at the Original House of Pancakes on Beltline, which recently held a car rally for electric vehicles.

Ms. Medrano stated there is also a charging station in Deep Ellum on Malcolm X Blvd., between Main and Commerce Streets that offers free parking for the next five months as an incentive.

Ms. Greyson referred to the photo of White Rock Creek, shown on slide 8, and asked if she should contact DART to discuss cleanup of the enormous number of fallen trees and dead vegetation along the Cotton Belt Rail Line, near Campbell and Davenport. Ms. Jordan stated she will contact DART and inform them of the issues along the Cotton Belt Rail Line.

Mr. Kadane asked for a status on Integrated Stormwater Management (iSWM). Ms. Jordan stated iSWM deals with the development process and can be used in a residential or commercial subdivision. The task force is working on the next phase focused on how to educate the design community and provide incentives to help the development community to incorporate the program.

No action was taken on this item.

4. Update on Dallas Gas Drilling Task Force

Lois Finkelman, Chair, Dallas Gas Drilling Task Force, briefed the committee on the responsibilities of the Task Force and the Process of Natural Gas Drilling, Geology of the Barnett Shale, Hydraulic Fracturing (fracking), and Production. Mr. Kris Sweckard, Managing Director, Office of Environmental Quality and Tammy Palomino, Assistant City Attorney, assisted in answering questions.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Ms. Koop requested a series of two to four educational programs be presented to the Council so the Council is aware of the task force recommendation process.

Ms. Hill suggested an educational briefing to full Council on the Update on Dallas Gas Drilling Task Force. Ms. Koop suggested the committee discuss a process off-line with staff. Ms. Palomino stated an ordinance will be complete to forward to City Council in June 2012.

Ms. Finkelman mentioned surrounding cities have been helpful in sharing their experiences and avoiding some of pitfalls they have experienced.

No action was taken on this item.

5. Upcoming Agenda Items

- Draft Agenda Item # 58 on November 7, 2011 City Council Agenda / Trinity Watershed Management - Stormwater Ordinance Revision - An ordinance amending Chapter 19 of the Dallas City Code to: (1) define terms; (2) provide prohibitions, requirements, and defenses relating to the discharge of certain pollutants and hazardous substances into the stormwater drainage system; (3) require persons operating industrial or construction activity sites to operate pursuant to and consistent with all state and federal required permits and employ best management practices; (4) provide monitoring, sampling, and reporting requirements for dischargers of stormwater into the stormwater drainage system; (5) make certain nonsubstantive changes; and (6) provide penalties. Financing: No cost consideration to the City.

Motion was made to forward draft agenda item # 58 the Stormwater Ordinance Revision to full Council for consideration on November 7, 2011.

Made by: Jasso

Seconded by: Hill Passed unanimously

- Draft Agenda Item # 39 on November 7, 2011 City Council Agenda / Office of Environmental Quality

An ordinance amending Chapter 5A of the Dallas City Code to match recent state law changes: (1) provide for year-round enforcement of motor vehicle idling restrictions; and (2) allow a motor vehicle to idle under certain circumstances to provide air conditioning or heating in an armored vehicle - Financing: No cost consideration to the City

Motion was made to forward draft agenda item # 39 an ordinance amending Chapter 5A of the Dallas City Code regarding motor vehicle idling restrictions to full Council for consideration on November 7, 2011.

Made by: Hill

Seconded by: Jasso Passed unanimously

Linda L. Koop, Chair
Transportation and Environment Committee

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