



Lowell City Council

Environment & Flood SC

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City Clerk

Date: December 9, 2025
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: City Council Chamber / Zoom
Lowell City Hall, Lowell, Ma.

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were Chairperson Belanger, C. Robinson, C. Yem. Others present was Katherine Moses (DPW-Sustainability).

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Belanger called the meeting to order noting agenda item referred to the subcommittee (Municipal Fossil Fuel Free Building Demonstration Program) and attendance.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

C. Belanger introduces Ms. Moses who provided background information regarding the program. Ms. Moses noted the program was created by statute applicable to new construction and intense renovation projects. Ms. Moses outlined the selection procedure and described which communities were chosen. Ms. Moses noted the initial report about the program was insufficient and did not provide a lot of data to support the City to become involved. Ms. Moses noted that the communities chosen were much different from Lowell in a number of areas; including grid capacity, construction costs and funding ability. Ms. Moses noted that she could develop recommendations that would provide a pathway for Lowell if they were accepted by the program administrators. C. Belanger questioned how it lessens the use of fossil fuel. Ms. Moses noted that there is a



shift to electric but the City, as noted, has many constraints with that. C. Yem recognized that Lowell was not a fit for the program at this point but should be monitored for possible future participation. C. Yem noted the goals of the program are worthwhile. C. Robinson commented that data should be gathered from all partners, including the development community. C. Belanger open meeting to the public with no responses. C. Belanger noted the City needs to be in a better position to join. C. Yem noted continued review of data is needed. Ms. Moses noted all would be included in her response to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by C. Robinson, seconded by C. Yem. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM

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