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Committee: Mobility, Sustainability, & Beautification

Date + Time: 6/4/25, 2:00pm

Location: City Council Chambers

Attendees: Chair Komives, Vice Chair Gadus, Hartman

Absentees: Driscoll, Jones, Martinez

Also Present: Sarantou

Presenters: Dana Reising, Melanie Nutter, Megan Robson, Doug Stephens

Public Attendance: 6

Legislative Aide Facilitating: Evan Snapp

Topics...

- Climate Action Plan

Discussion...

- Komives: Welcome to the Mobility, Sustainability and Beautification Committee, Clerk please call the roll. This is being shared online and with the public through our recordings. This has been coming up for a long time, and this complete Climate Action Plan is exciting for us. We're ready to hear your recommendations.
- Dana Reising: Good afternoon, thank you for having us. With me today, I have the directors of Public Utilities and Public Services, and Melanie from Nutter Consulting. We are here to present the final draft of the CAP. At the heart of this plan, is municipal sustainability and resource management. It is about sustaining what we have and preserving our resources and environment for the next generation. It's about how we use our energy, where our fuel dollars go, reducing waste, and managing our utilities.
- Reising: Over the past year, this plan has been developed across departments and specialties. It offers actions that are within the city's purview and capacity. It is aimed at saving money, delivering more effective service, and protect the health of our community. It will be implemented over the next 25 years.
- Nutter: Thank you Dana for your great introduction. I am the President of Nutter Consulting, which focuses on municipal functions in sustainability, and we have been working on this plan for the last year. This charts a roadmap for the City to take decisive action on reducing the negative impacts of climate change.
- Nutter: Our process included a Greenhouse Gas Inventory, Fleet and Facilities Analysis, and several exploratory workshops with City policymakers and regional leaders and



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stakeholders. The main implementation plan contains several strategies and specific action items.

- Nutter: We conducted an in-depth review of climate risks, environmental and weather hazards. Each was assessed by these criteria: Risk Level, Probability, Scope of Impact. The highest risk impacts were Flooding and Harmful Algal Blooms.
- Nutter: Working with Power a Clean Future Ohio, we conducted our GHG Inventory of both direct and indirect emissions from municipal, community, and industrial sources. It helps us understand the ripple effects of human behavior in the Toledo area. The largest single source of GHG emissions from City operations is electricity generation, followed by Solid Waste, Stationary Combustion, and Fleet Combustion.
- Nutter: Strategy 1 for Overall Municipal Operations includes the dedicated One Percent for the Environment fund, managing a Climate Action Plan dashboard, to establish sustainability criteria into capital improvement project planning, establish a Green Bank or revolving loan fund, and join the Urban Sustainability Directors Network.
- Nutter: The next strategy, strategy 2, covers Buildings and Energy, saying 'Increase renewable energy and reduce energy use in city-owned properties and assets. Some of the actions include determining the role of Toledo Public Power, conduct a Municipal Building Solar Feasibility Study, investigate opportunities to develop microgrids alongside our solar arrays, and complete conversions to energy-efficient appliances and lighting.
- Reising: Next is Strategy 3: Transportation. We've already completed a Fleet assessment to understand our compatibility for electric vehicles, we've implemented Samsara fleet tracking, we'll continue building out our network of bike trails, and other pieces. Some of our priority actions will include installing EV chargers and ensuring new municipal facilities are built 'EV-ready'. We want to transition heavy-duty equipment and vehicles to applicable electric models, as well as pass an Anti-Idling Ordinance. Employee commute actions could include new incentives for employees to transition from single-occupancy vehicles to public transit, carpooling, biking, and walking.
- Reising: Strategy 4 pertains to Materials and Waste, which aims to reduce consumption and facilitate increased waste diversion. We are constructing a new MRF or Material Recovery Facility, have launched food waste drop off sites, offer a curbside recycling program, move toward paperless systems, and many others. Some of our priority goals are conducting waste and recycling assessments at City facilities, mandating that City-hosted events aim for Zero Waste, expanding our composting offerings and conduct waste audits.
- Reising: Adopting a sustainable purchasing policy will help to prioritize local, sustainable, and recyclable materials, sometimes called 'environmentally preferred products'. We are also exploring opportunities for methane capture at the Hoffman Road Landfill.
- Nutter: Strategy 5 is about Water and Wastewater. We want to further our existing progress with the Dept. of Public Utilities' Sustainability Plan, continue development of



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the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and others. Some other recommendations cover City employee education campaigns, smart irrigation systems, rainwater capture infrastructure expansion, as well as launch a Green Infrastructure Pilot Program on facilities prone to flooding.

- Reising: Strategies 6 and 7 cover Air Quality/ Public Health and Food Systems. Existing progress and strategic actions are detailed in the full presentation. Strategy 8 is Natural Areas and Land Use: Maximize ecosystem services on city property. Leading the region with our Brownfield Revitalization program, implementing the Re-Tree Toledo initiative, Rain Garden initiative, and areas of priority development with the Toledo Metroparks.
- Nutter: Overall, there are 8 Strategies and 72 specific actions. These fit into our 'Implementation Matrix' a sweeping excel document that will categorize these actions into relevant groupings, responsible actors, risk factors, funding and implementation resources, and of course, the potential for GHG emissions reduction.
- Nutter: The Municipal Climate Action Plan identifies 10 priority projects with emission reduction potential, low risk, low budgets. Let's talk through some of them.
 - Install renewable energy on municipal facilities according to the facilities analysis
 - Update energy efficiency assessments for municipal facilities, including an evaluation of HVAC and heating/ insulation.
 - Improve existing EV infrastructure and increase bike racks/ storage capacity
 - Expand composting drop-off sites and services
 - Install rainwater capture infrastructure
 - Remediate vacant lots for repurposing by addressing environmental concerns, removing debris and replanting
- Nutter: Thank you for having us here to describe this plan, we have high hopes for the ripple effects of this plan.
- Komives: Thank you so much for this presentation on your report, there are numerous recommendations, and they all hold some importance. It is also telling us where we have already taken meaningful action on these topics. We look forward to acting on this.
- Gadus: Thank you for this Climate Action Plan, and for the committee that was responsible for. The layout of the priorities helps this feel doable. It can be an overwhelming problem to face, especially for our residents, and so we want to make quick, impactful actions that continue our great progress.
- Komives: We will accept public comment at this time.
- Komives: There is interest and desire in the council and among the community to take action on these recommendations, and we're focused on it. We really appreciate this roadmap, that means action on a large scale, a city-wide scale that no one person could do much about. Change is always difficult to undergo, but I am very proud of our leadership and ability to execute these plans.