



**AGENDA
CITY OF CREVE COEUR
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE
300 NORTH NEW BALLAS RD
COUNCIL CHAMBER
DECEMBER 17, 2025
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of November 19, 2025, Minutes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Newsletter Articles
3. Climate Action Plan
4. Ripple Glass Containers
5. Missouri Green Cities Challenge

BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

BUSINESS FROM STAFF LIAISON

ADJOURNMENT

Posted by: _____

Date/Time posted: _____

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Committee Chair Saranya Konala - Present
Committee Vice Chair Walker Gaffney - Present
Committee Member Walker Gaffney - Present
Committee Member Joseph Gaied - Absent
Committee Member Tarab Kumar - Present
Committee Member Andrew Lowenthal - Present
Committee Member Robert McCormack - Absent
Committee Member David Morgenstern - Present

Council Liaison Donna Spence - Present
Staff Liaison Melissa Bradford - Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of October 8, 2025, Minutes

RESULT: Motion to approve the October 8, 2025, minutes
MOVER: Andrew Lowenthal
SECONDER: Walker Gaffney
AYES: Andrew Lowenthal, Saranya Konala, Walker Gaffney, Tarab Kumar, David Morgenstern
NAYS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Energy & Environment Pages on Website

The Committee discussed updates to the Energy & Environment Committee pages on the city's website. Various committee members were assigned to review certain pages of the website. Saranya Konala reviewed her edits with the committee. Tarab Kumar said she will email her edits to Melissa Bradford. David Morgenstern stated that his pages looked good as is. Saranya Konala stated that this item has been completed and can be removed from future agendas.

3. Newsletter Articles



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4. Climate Action Plan

Saranya Konala stated that the Committee has completed several action items from the existing Climate Action Plan, and the Committee should look at new action items to pursue—leading the discussion to the next items on the agenda under New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Mayor's Climate Challenge

Melissa Bradford stated that the Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement has since been discontinued, due to the U.S. dropping out of the Paris Agreement.

6. Solsmart Program

SolSmart offers free technical assistance to local governments and regional organizations to help streamline processes and remove barriers to affordable solar energy. Saranya Konala stated that funding for this program was pulled one month ago. If funding is reinstated in the future, the Committee can reconsider pursuing a partnership with this program.

7. Ripple Glass Containers

Ripple Glass is a local company that offers glass recycling drop-off sites all around the St. Louis metro area that are open to the public and free to use. Donna Spence stated that the City of Kirkwood has a recycling drop-off location open to the public, instead of contracting out its recycling services.

Melissa Bradford stated that we would need to inform the City Council before making a request with Ripple Glass. Saranya Konala stated that the question in response will likely be, "Why do we need this if residents can recycle glass through the existing recycling collection service?" One reason is that residents who live in apartments may not have access to recycling services, and they may benefit from this free drop-off location for glass. Tarab Kumar stated that this area of St. Louis does not have a Ripple Glass location nearby, making it a good candidate.



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8. Missouri Green Cities Challenge

Saranya Konala stated that the city could consider enrolling in the St. Louis Green Cities Challenge, a program that helps municipalities with integrating sustainability into municipal business operations and organizational structures. The enrollment fee is \$400. This would also be a good way to network and learn about the sustainability efforts of other cities.

BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS

Saranya Konala said that the OneSTL Climate Summit will be held on Thursday, January 29, 2026, for those interested in registering.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

Donna Spence stated she would like to see the City stop offering plastic water bottles at events and meetings, and instead offer glass cups or reusable water bottles as a more environmentally friendly option.

BUSINESS FROM STAFF LIAISON

Melissa Bradford stated that the next committee meeting will be on Wednesday, December 17, 2025. Next year's electronics recycling event has also been scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.