



**AGENDA
CITY OF CREVE COEUR
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE
300 NORTH NEW BALLAS RD
MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM
JANUARY 21, 2026
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of December 17, 2025, Minutes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Newsletter Articles
3. St. Louis Green Cities Challenge

NEW BUSINESS

4. Data Centers

BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

BUSINESS FROM STAFF LIAISON

ADJOURNMENT

Posted by: _____

Date/Time posted: _____

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COUNCIL CHAMBER
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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of November 19, 2025, Minutes

In the draft minutes, Saranya Konala corrected the dates of the Climate Action Summit 2026 (January 29-30, 2026).

<p>RESULT: Motion to approve the November 19, 2025, minutes as amended MOVER: Andrew Lowenthal SECONDER: Tarab Kumar AYES: Andrew Lowenthal, Saranya Konala, Walker Gaffney, Tarab Kumar, Robert McCormack NAYS: None</p>
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Newsletter Articles

Donna Spence stated she would be drafting an article about the new ordinance limiting outdoor lighting to 3,000K for the February newsletter. Melissa Bradford stated she would share the draft article with committee members prior to printing in the newsletter. Walker Gaffney stated he could write a future article on organic lawns and wildlife. Donna Spence stated she has a list of ways to reduce energy consumption from a



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previous Arbor Day event, which could also be a source for a future newsletter article.

3. Climate Action Plan

The committee moved on to discuss the next items on the agenda (Ripple Glass Containers and Green Cities Challenge), which are subcomponents of the Climate Action Plan.

4. Ripple Glass Containers

Melissa Bradford recommended pursuing this action item after the city enrolls in the Green Cities Challenge. Donna Spence asked for clarification on the benefits of a community glass recycling container. Walker Gaffney stated it would provide glass recycling for apartment dwellers who do not have access to recycling services.

Donna Spence stated that the first page of the Comprehensive Plan mentions sustainability, and the committee should reference this in future communications to the City Council. The Comprehensive Plan's community vision states: "Creve Coeur will continue to prosper as a premiere livable and sustainable community by preserving and capitalizing on new opportunities for the City's key residential, business, environmental, and civic assets. Utilizing comprehensive place-making, Creve Coeur will enhance its unique and recognizable physical identity; its healthy and vibrant neighborhoods; and remain a regional leader as a green and environmentally-friendly community."

5. Missouri Green Cities Challenge

Saranya Konala shared her memo about the St. Louis Green Cities Challenge with the committee for feedback. She agreed to add the Comprehensive Plan community vision to the memo. Melissa Bradford stated that the Green Cities Challenge enrollment fee would be covered by the St. Louis County Waste Reduction Grant; therefore, she would need to present the memo at the next Council meeting on January 12, 2026, and then submit the St. Louis County Waste Reduction Grant application immediately after the City Council approves the Resolution for it to be granted in time for the beginning of the Green Cities Challenge.



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BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS

Robert McCormack stated his concern about data centers creating an environmental hazard, and that the city should be aware of these hazards. Donna Spence stated that the City Council recently approved legislation making data centers a Conditional Use so that an application for a data center would need review and approval by both the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council. Saranya Konala asked to add "data center" as an agenda item to the next meeting, suggesting committee members research the topic in the meantime. Melissa Bradford stated she would ask if a staff member from the Planning Division could attend a future meeting to provide more information.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

Donna Spence stated that Council member Nicole Greer has been participating in a program called Cool Cities, a group of regional leaders working to address sustainability in St. Louis; however, she will no longer be participating due to other commitments, and it would be good to have a representative from Creve Coeur take her place.

Donna Spence stated that she would be interested in hearing committee member Robert McCormack speak more on his knowledge of plastic recycling. The Committee discussed plastic recycling and energy consumption/waste.

BUSINESS FROM STAFF LIAISON

Melissa Bradford stated the next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 21, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

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