



**AGENDA
CITY OF CREVE COEUR
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE
300 NORTH NEW BALLAS RD
COUNCIL CHAMBER
FEBRUARY 18, 2026
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of January 21, 2026, Minutes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Newsletter Articles
3. St. Louis Green Cities Challenge
4. Green Business Award
5. Data Centers

BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

BUSINESS FROM STAFF LIAISON

ADJOURNMENT

Posted by: _____

Date/Time posted: _____

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MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM
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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 - Absent
Committee Member Andrew Lowenthal - Present
Committee Member Robert McCormack - Present
Committee Member David Morgenstern - Present

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of December 17, 2025, Minutes

<p>RESULT: Motion to approve December 17, 2025, minutes MOVER: David Morgenstern SECONDER: Andrew Lowenthal AYES: Andrew Lowenthal, Saranya Konala, Walker Gaffney, Robert McCormack, David Morgenstern NAYS: None</p>

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Newsletter Articles

Saranya Konala thanked Donna Spence for writing the newsletter article on the updated exterior lighting code. Melissa Bradford confirmed it will be printed in the February newsletter. Walker Gaffney stated he will write an article about organic lawns and wildlife. Melissa Bradford stated the March and April newsletters will not have space, but May onward would have space for an article. Saranya Konala said the committee should plan on writing an article on the city's participation in the Green Cities Challenge.



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3. St. Louis Green Cities Challenge

Melissa Bradford stated that the City Council approved the St. Louis County grant application, which included \$400 of funding for the city to participate in the Green Cities Challenge. Saranya Konala stated that the program will provide helpful resources and knowledge for the city to reference. Donna Spence stated that participation in the program also aligns with the city's Comprehensive Plan, which has a vision stating the city will remain a regional leader as a green and environmentally-friendly community. Saranya Konala stated that the program's kick-off event would be on February 26 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at the Cortex. Andy Lowenthal and Donna Spence expressed interest in attending.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Data Centers

Donna Spence stated that data centers are looking at lower-income communities in Missouri for new facility locations. Saranya Konala stated that, according to Governor Kehoe, Missouri will promote nuclear energy and is "all in on nuclear." Donna Spence stated that Creve Coeur requires data centers to submit a conditional use permit before establishing a facility within the city, meaning any data centers will need to be approved by the City Council. Robert McCormack stated that data centers are being established in old hospitals located in north St. Louis. Robert McCormack discussed the stormwater issues happening in Creve Coeur and neighboring cities.

Saranya Konala asked what actions the city could take to address these issues and what information could be provided to staff, noting that some cities choose to update their noise ordinance and water usage regulations in response to data centers. Melissa Bradford stated that staff from the Community Development Department agreed to attend a future meeting to discuss these issues with the committee, once the committee is ready for further discussion. David Morgenstern questioned if data centers were a priority because Creve Coeur may not be a main target for them.

BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS

No discussion was held.



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BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

No discussion was held.

BUSINESS FROM STAFF LIAISON

Melissa Bradford stated that the Creve Coeur Business Awards is accepting nominations for the Green Business Award now through March 6. Donna Spence suggested Spirit Lexus as a nominee due to their green roof. Donna Spence stated she would like to see the Green Business Program revitalized and made more robust.

Melissa Bradford said the next committee meeting will be held on February 18. The March meeting will be held a week earlier than normal (March 11), during which the committee will vote on its recommendation for the Green Business Award.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.