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April 11, 2007

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY**

The Committee on Environment and Energy met on April 11, 2007, with Chairman Robert Trane, presiding and Committee Members Aldermen Rebekah Gewirtz and William Roche also present and voting. Also present were Communications Director Tom Champion, Environmental Program Manager Peter Mills, Andrea Ranger and Ian Finlayson from the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change, Vanessa Rule from Somerville Climate Action and interested members of the public.

Chairman Trane explained that the purpose of the committee is to examine the base line energy consumption of all city owned buildings and to find areas where energy use might be made more efficient. Mr. Mills presented information regarding the energy being expended, per square foot, in all city owned buildings. Two companies, Honeywell and Johnson Controls, have responded to the city's RFP to help the city develop energy efficient buildings. Both companies are analyzing the buildings and will make recommendations to the city. The city will then make a selection and follow through on the recommendations. Mr. Mills told the members that the city hopes to have all 20 buildings energy efficient by 2009. The Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change has assisted Mr. Mills in the energy efficiency review and would like the city to become more pro-active in providing information to its residents via the cable channel and city website.

Alderman Gewirtz requested that Mr. Mills provide a summary of the data provided to the committee and asked him to check with other communities to ascertain what methods are utilized to provide energy efficiency in municipal buildings. Alderman Gewirtz also requested that a member from the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change be present at all Environment and Energy Committee meetings.

Chairman Trane requested that the Communication Department prepare a presentation, to be shown on the city's cable channel, informing homeowners what they might do to make their homes more energy efficient. He suggested that the content be universal, so that it might be shared with other communities. Chairman Trane also requested that Mr. Mills facilitate some of the energy efficiency suggestions put forth at this meeting.

No papers were acted on.

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Alderman Robert Trane, Chairman  
Committee on Environment and Energy

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