

Transition from Local Power to a Partnership with Xcel Energy

City Council Meeting

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- Municipalization Close-out:
 - Archive municipalization documents, analysis and designs
 - Create a roadmap to allow for municipalization to restart should Council or the community direct staff to restart the process
 - Close out financial obligations of the municipalization effort, including paying a \$1,445,211 debt to the General Fund

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- Partnership Agreement Implementation Activities
 - **Seat the Executive Team:** The Executive Team is responsible for the oversight of the agreement including communication and collaboration necessary to achieve the partnership's goals.
 - **Seat the Project Oversight Team:** The Project Oversight Team will lead the process of appointing teams and a lead project manager for specific partnership projects. These project teams will be made up of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) from across the city's organizations as well as from Xcel Energy.

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- Partnership Agreement Implementation Activities
 - **Seat the Advisory Panel:** An Advisory Panel will also be formed to ensure that the activities being undertaken as part of the partnership have channels for different representatives from the community to participate.

Staff is working with Xcel to define the process for the selection of the Advisory Panel.

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- Project Oversight Team next steps: The Project Oversight Team has started to integrate Xcel into relevant ongoing city initiatives including:
 - **Solar Policy Revision:** Revise policies related to interconnection of local solar projects, including the ability to share investment in neighborhood projects
 - **Alpine Balsam:** Ensure design of future Alpine Balsam site enables local generation for resilience, building electrification and integrates the benefits of electric mobility. Currently working with a consultant on a feasibility study.
 - **Streetlighting:** Explore streetlighting solutions that would satisfy the city's lighting goals and objectives.

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- Project Oversight Team next steps: The Project Oversight Team will also be organizing the initiatives below that are seen as large scale, long term and high priority:
 - **Distribution System Planning:** This team will coordinate on project planning in the city to identify and realize opportunities for improvements on the electric distribution system.
 - **Overhead to Underground conversion:** This team will develop criteria for the selection of undergrounding projects utilizing the backlog and current funding as negotiated in the settlement.
 - **Data Sharing:** As agreed in the Partnership Agreement Xcel will provide data to the city to facilitate the analysis and expansion of programs and projects and to maintain the ability of the city to restart the municipalization process.

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- **Communications Plan:** Xcel and staff are also developing a communications structure / plan in order to facilitate joint communication on initiative milestones.
- **Next Steps:**
 - Staff will provide council with a process and timeline for the selection of the Advisory Panel by the end of December
 - In January regular Executive Team, Project Oversight Team and project team meetings will begin
 - In March staff will be bringing forward a report for the close-out of the municipalization project and a budget proposal for the repurposed UOT in support of the partnership.
 - Related, Climate Initiatives staff will be providing an updated Community Climate Action Plan to Council in May, including new goals and targets. There will be a community engagement process beginning in January.

Thank you