

**MAHTOMEDI CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018
6:30 P.M.**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3. ADVISORY BOARD INTERVIEW**
- 4. ADJOURN**

CITY OF MAHTOMEDI

BACKGROUND INFORMATION FORM

*Please type or print clearly in ink

Thank you for your interest in applying for appointment/reappointment to a City of Mahtomedi advisory position. It is the effort and interest of individuals like you who help make this City a community.

As part of reviewing your application, the City Council would like you to answer the following questions. Your answers will be reviewed individually by Council members prior to any appointment decision. There are no right or wrong answers to these questions. The questions are intended to help the City Council get to know you better as they make appointments.

Name William Seuffert Date 3/23/2018
Home Address 79 Hickory St. Phone (H) (651) 247-1449
How long have you lived in Mahtomedi? 2 Years
Occupation _____ Phone (w) (651) 757-2766
Employer State of MN, Environmental Quality Board
Email address williamjseuffert@yahoo.com (Personal)

Please indicate which volunteer position you are applying for. List only those you would be seriously interested in serving on.

1st Choice Environmental Commission 2nd Choice _____
3rd Choice _____ 4th Choice _____

1. What do you see as the primary issue(s) facing the City of Mahtomedi?

1) Given our location on White Bear Lake, I consider road salt use and overall water use to be the primary environmental issues facing the city. The cost-prohibitive nature of removing chlorides is very concerning as are the fluctuating lake levels experienced over the past decade. The lake is what attracted many of us to this community and its long-term health is closely tied to that of our city.

2) Cities play a critical role in advancing environmental outcomes at the local level. I am very interested in seeing the city implement the GreenStep program and potentially advance to step 4. I am also very interested in the connection of this program to the school district, and opportunities to synergize efforts and broaden awareness. The state is looking to partner with the University of Minnesota Institute on the Environment to pilot a GreenStep schools program. Given the community's keen interest in environmental sustainability, I would like to see the city maximize its partnerships with the school district and the county in advancing local sustainability initiatives.

3) Being a resident for less than two years, I have been incredibly pleased to see the value that my neighbors place on sustainability. My vision for the city combines a thriving local economy, sustainability, abundant recreational opportunity and a quality of life that is second to none. Cities across the country are being asked to lead on issues of sustainability, climate mitigation and adaptation. Mahtomedi has an opportunity to be a recognized leader and set the course for the state to follow.

4) I have served as the Executive Director of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) since 2013. The EQB serves as a platform for interagency coordination on key statewide environmental initiatives, and works directly with local governments on the delivery of the GreenStep Cities Program, and the administration of the Environmental Review Program. As Executive Director, I collaborate with the 9 state agency commissioners and 8 appointed citizen members that serve on the Board to lead strategic environmental and public engagement initiatives.

Previously, I worked in the Office of Legislative and Cabinet Affairs for Governor Mark Dayton, advising on environment, energy and agriculture issues. Prior to that, I spent five years as legislative staff in the Minnesota Senate, directly supporting the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee. My academic background is in conflict resolution and political science. I believe that my breadth of experience with environmental and energy policy in both the legislative and executive branches of state government would benefit the city as it works on developing and implementing environmental policy.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
PHONE NUMBERS

Kimberly Byrd 593 Eastgate Pkwy Home: 651-698-2400	Chair	Appointed 04/01/17 Expires 04/01/20
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Kevin Toskey 215 Briarwood Ave Home: 651-210-5663 W: 763-422-7360	Vice Chair	Appointed 04/01/17 Expires 04/01/20
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Mike Chevalier 440 Hallam Avenue Home: 651-653-1476 Cell: 612-558-2941		Appointed 04/01/12 Expires 04/01/21
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Mike Hermann Jr. 99 Wildwood Beach Road Home: 651-276-7753		Appointed 08/05/16 Expires 04/01/19
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	Appointed Expires 04/01/21
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Christine Ahmann-Maples 541 Warner Avenue South Home: 651-653-4278 Work: 612-426-4977		Appointed 12/03/07 Expires 04/01/20
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Scott Peterson 448 Park Avenue Home: 651-653-9784 Work: 651-366-4817		Appointed 08-01-11 Expires 04/01/19
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CC Liaison: Jeff Ledermann

Updated 4/16/18