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TO: Jason Morgan, Chair
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THROUGH: Gregory Dill,
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FROM: Kris Olsson,
Interim Chair, Washtenaw County Environmental Council

DATE: June 5, 2019

SUBJECT: Approving the Bylaws of the Washtenaw County Environmental
Council

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners approve the bylaws of the Washtenaw County Environmental Council (WCEC), as approved at their May 28, 2019 meeting.

BACKGROUND:

The County Board of Commissioners established the Washtenaw County Environmental Council as a subcommittee of the Board of Commissioners in the fall of 2019 through the passage of Resolution 18-191, including a policy that specifies the intent and initial makeup of the council. Initial appointments were made through Resolution 18-203, 19-006, 19-009, and 19-039.

Since its formation, the primary work of the WCEC has been the development of the bylaws by which the WCEC will conduct business. At the May 28, 2019 meeting, the WCEC unanimously approved the bylaws as attached, presented for review and approval by the Board of Commissioners.

DISCUSSION:

The bylaws lays out the name, enabling authority, and vision and mission of the WCEC in alignment with the enabling resolution, as well as a background section, which describes the recent actions taken by the Board of Commissioners in support of sustainability efforts.

The additional sections of the bylaws cover the duties of the council, the membership of the council, the officer structure of the group and their responsibilities, the meeting schedule and criteria for quorum, ethics and conflicts of interest, the agenda format and regular order of business, and how the bylaws shall be amended in the future.

IMPACT ON PERSONNEL:

None

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

None

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

None

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

While the outcomes of the WCEC are intended to lead to countywide changes with regards to environmental sustainability, no other county departments or outside agencies are directly affected by these bylaws.

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES

The resolution conforms to County policies, and has been reviewed by Corporation Counsel, Finance and County Administration.

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES:

- Resolution
- Bylaws of the Washtenaw County Environmental Council

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE BYLAWS OF THE WASHTENAW COUNTY
ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 5, 2019

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners established the Washtenaw County Environmental Council through the adoption of Resolution 18-191; and

WHEREAS, this resolution established the intent of the Environmental Council as being to develop policies and proposals which would both protect the environment and reduce the County's environmental impact, and to advise the Office of Infrastructure Management and the Board of Commissioners on environmental issues; and

WHEREAS, initial appointments were made to the Washtenaw County Environmental Council through resolution 18-203, 19-006, 19-009, and 19-039; and

WHEREAS, since its formation, the environmental council has been meeting monthly to prepare the bylaws of the environmental council; and

WHEREAS, at its May 28, 2019 meeting, the members of the Washtenaw County Environmental Council unanimously approved a set of initial bylaws; and

WHEREAS the amended Bylaws have been reviewed by the County Administrator's Office and the Corporation Counsel;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Bylaws of the Washtenaw County Environmental Council, as unanimously adopted by the council on May 28, 2019, and as attached hereto and made a part hereof.