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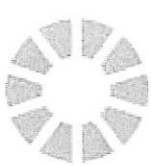
Good afternoon,

Item 7 ([CC# 180211](#)) on next week's CED committee is a Resolution approving a non-disclosure agreement between the City of Milwaukee and the WEC Energy Group relating to the development of utility-scale solar facilities for City use. The Council has adopted significant renewable energy goals and ECO is working to achieve them within our significant budgetary and regulatory constraints. We've issued an RFP for 1.1 megawatts of solar on the city roofs that are best suited for solar. But to achieve the Council's ambitious 25% renewable energy goal (or proposals for a 100% renewable energy goal), much larger investments in renewable energy would be required. For this reason, Mayor Barrett along with the chief executives of Milwaukee County, MMSD, and MATC reached out to WEC Energy Group (AKA We Energies) to determine if they can be a partner in developing utility-scale (i.e. BIG) new renewable energy resources in Southeastern Wisconsin as noted in this [story](#).

We've had some productive discussions with We Energies, and they are now conditioning future discussions on the City signing a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) to negotiate a renewable energy service agreement. A final service agreement would need to be approved by the Council and by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. I've been working with the City Attorney's Office to limit the scope of the NDA and to ensure it is consistent with open-records laws. We've asked reps from We Energies to appear at the committee to explain their rationale for the NDA.

Since I know you have a full CED agenda, **staff from the City Attorney's Office and I would be happy to schedule a time to brief you before the hearing and answer any questions you might have**. The City Attorney's office has advised me that if you have questions at the hearing pertaining to liability and NDAs, then they would want to go into closed session.

Thank you for your support of a clean energy future. Please let me know if you'd like to schedule a time for a briefing.



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