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City touts EV technology in parades Promoting awareness in preparation for the opening of RubeLab's charging station

EUSTIS – The City took possession of a ZENN (Zero-Emission, No-Noise) Electronic Vehicle (EV) at the beginning of the City Commission Meeting held on February 19, 2009. The ZENN is on loan from Golf & Electric Vehicles, an Orlando EV dealership, for the purpose of promoting EV technology prior to the opening of the EV charging station on February 28th during the *RubeLab on the Green Festival*. This festival will take place on Fountain Green and will coincide with the George Washington Birthday Festival on February 27, 28, and March 1st.



ZENN parked in front of Eustis City Hall building.

During the lease period, the City Commission will also accompany the vehicle during the African-American Heritage Parade on February 21st and the GeorgeFest Parade on February 28th so that parade viewers have a chance to see the ZENN in action.

City Departments will also have a chance to operate the ZENN during the lease period and evaluate the technology's usefulness in the day-to-day performance of City business.

The 3 door hatchback's top-speed is rated at 25 mph and has a range of up to 40 miles. Electric power is stored in six 12V lead-acid gel batteries, which has a recharge cycle of 8 hours (4 hours minimum). Recharging the batteries simply involve plugging in to a standard household outlet. Targeted users of this vehicle are people who live in densely populated urban areas who would replace up to 90% of city-core trips previously made with a conventional car.

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