

Climate Recovery Proposal

- Council adopts the following:
 - By 2020, all City-owned facilities and City operations shall be carbon neutral, either by reducing greenhouse gas emissions to zero or, if necessary, funding of approved local carbon offset mechanisms or the purchase of approved offsets for any remaining emissions.
 - By 2030, the City organization shall reduce its use of fossil fuels by 50% compared to 2010 usage.
 - By 2030, all business, individuals and others living or working in the City collectively shall reduce the total (not per capita) use of fossil fuels by 50% compared to 2010 usage.
- Within 6 months of the Council’s adoption of the above goals and actions, the city manager shall complete an assessment of current efforts to reach those goals. This assessment shall include a review and analysis of:
 - Trends in current energy use for the community and for City operations and facilities; and
 - Progress in implementing the Community Climate and Energy Action Plan and the Internal Climate Action Plan.
- To reach those adopted climate action goals, the City Council shall establish numerical targets and benchmarks for achieving the required reductions through the following steps:
 - Within 12 months of the adoption of these goals, the City Manager shall propose for adoption by the City Council:
 - ✓ Numerical greenhouse gas and fossil fuel reduction targets equivalent to achieving the related goals.
 - ✓ 2-year and 5-year benchmarks for reaching the numerical targets.
 - The City Manager shall present to Council for adoption, a numerical community-wide goal or “carbon budget” for greenhouse gas emission reductions consistent with achieving 350 parts per million (ppm) of CO₂ in the atmosphere by the year 2100.
 - ✓ The proposed community-wide goal shall include numerical targets and associated benchmarks.
 - ✓ The city manager shall subsequently propose for adoption by administrative rule a specified baseline amount and appropriate greenhouse gas inventory methodology.
 - The City Manager shall propose options for meeting goals and provide a triple bottom line assessment of the options including a cost-benefit analysis.

- The City Manager shall report to City Council on progress in reaching adopted climate action goals following the Council’s adoption of the numerical targets and benchmarks.
 - Provide a progress report every 2 years.
 - Provide a comprehensive report every 5 years that includes an assessment of greenhouse gas emission reductions to date and the status in reaching the established targets and benchmarks.
 - Update the Community Climate and Energy Action Plan and the Internal Climate Action Plan every five years, which shall be based on the updated greenhouse gas inventory.

- If the 5-year comprehensive assessment indicates that the City is not reaching the adopted targets and benchmarks, the City Manager shall:
 - Conduct an analysis of possible actions to get back on track to achieve the next adopted benchmark, together with a TBL analysis of those options.
 - Develop for Council consideration potential revisions to the plan that reflect the necessary actions to achieve the next adopted benchmark.