

RESOLUTION NO. 3099

A RESOLUTION CREATING AN AD HOC CLIMATE ACTION STEERING COMMITTEE

FINDINGS

A. On September 7, 2016, the Bend City Council adopted Resolution 3044, establishing climate action goals, and a process and timeline for budgeting, adopting, and implementing climate action plans for City operations and the community. The resolution calls for Council adoption of a community-wide climate action plan (C-CAP) by September 2019. Resolution 3044 is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A.

B. On August 24, 2017, the Department of Energy approved the City of Bend's request to repurpose all current and future recovered revolving loan funds from its American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) financing program to other eligible EECBG activities, specifically including implementation of Resolution 3044 and creating an action plan that will target fossil fuel use reduction through projects that increase energy efficiency, fuel efficiency, and renewable energy generation for the City of Bend.

C. On December 5, 2017, grants of \$50,000 from the Oregon Community Foundation and \$50,000 from Partners for Places were secured, in addition to \$25,000 in community donations raised by The Environmental Center to support the work required to develop the C-CAP. The Environmental Center agreed to act as the tax-exempt partner to receive the grant funds from the two foundations.

D. On December 20, 2017, the Council approved a new Sustainability Coordinator position for a limited term to staff the community engagement process and development of the C-CAP.

E. The City is committed to engaging the community in the process of developing a climate action plan through the creation of a Council-appointed, ad hoc Climate Action Steering Committee (CASC).

F. Bend Code 1.20.015H authorizes the Council to establish temporary committees by resolution to address specific issues or to engage in specific tasks, and to establish the scope of the authority and responsibilities of the temporary committee. Committee members may be appointed by the Mayor with confirmation by Council.

G. Creation of the CASC through this Resolution is the next step for the City in carrying out the actions and commitments contained in Resolution 3044.

H. Resolution 3044 includes detail on the formation, composition, and scope of work for the CASC. Since the passage of Resolution 3044, the City has secured funding,

approved code changes regarding temporary committees, and taken other steps that require updating of the details of the CASC's work and composition. The CASC will carry out its work and be subject to the following, which is intended to control over any discrepancies with the original language of Resolution 3044:

SECTION 1. CLIMATE ACTION GOALS.

As stated in Resolution 3044, the City shall carry out the responsibilities of Sections 2 and 3 below to seek to achieve the following goals:

A. City Facilities and Operations. After considering social, environmental, and financial costs and benefits, which for the purposes of this resolution will be termed a sustainability cost benefit analysis (SCBA), baseline data and the budgetary process, and the recommendations of the CASC, the City:

1. Will seek to reduce its carbon dioxide emissions in its own facilities and operations to achieve carbon neutrality by the year 2030. If purchase of offsets is authorized by City Council to help reach this goal, priority will go to verifiable projects in Central Oregon and the Pacific Northwest; and
2. Will seek to reduce its fossil fuel use by 40% by 2030 and by 70% by 2050. Fossil fuel use from 2010, or more recent years, will be used to establish a baseline.

B. Community. After considering a SCBA, baseline data and the budgetary process, and the recommendations of the CASC, all businesses, governmental and non-governmental organizations, and individuals who live and/or work in Bend will seek to collectively reduce Bend's fossil fuel use by 40% by 2030 and 70% by 2050.

SECTION 2. CLIMATE ACTION – CLIMATE ACTION STEERING COMMITTEE.

A. Having completed the budget process and approved the staffing needed in support of this committee, the City Council will now establish a CASC, that has the following responsibilities:

1. Make recommendations to the City Manager on action planning and associated budget requirements related to reduction of fossil fuel use and GHG emissions. Recommendations are to be based on the most effective available strategies and Bend-specific information.
2. Help the City establish a Climate Action Plan for City Operations and Facilities (CAP-CO), including providing input to the development of the Plan and adhering to the timetables for creating the Plan, as set forth in Section 3 below.
3. Help the City establish a process for adoption of a CAP-C, develop the Plan and adhere to the timetables for creating the Plan, as set forth in

Section 3 below.

4. Help the City develop ordinances to implement the CAP-CO and CAP-C, if necessary, for adoption by the City Council.

B. The CASC:

1. Will help the City verify that the goals in Section 1 continue to be supported by the community and City and are based on the best available current science and local data. The metrics used to measure progress towards reaching the goals should show the highest return on investment in GHG emission reductions and fossil fuel reductions; and consider environmental, social and financial impacts. The CASC will recommend modification to the climate action goals of Section 1, if necessary.

2. Will be respectful of a range of opinions, strive for consensus and acknowledge points of mutual agreement. If consensus cannot be reached, the CASC will make recommendations to Council based on majority positions.

3. May recommend that the City Council form Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) to address specific areas of action or study.

4. Will identify projects with low initial costs that are possible to implement in the near term as well as projects requiring more significant investment and diversified funding over the longer term.

5. Will identify opportunities for the City to encourage and incentivize businesses and residents, through voluntary efforts, to reduce GHG emissions and fossil fuel use.

6. May adopt procedures for its meetings and reporting to the City Council.

7. Will hold open public meetings.

C. The CASC will be composed of eleven members to reflect diverse views of the community: two business representatives (one Bend Economic Development Advisory Board member and one business at large), two environmental community representatives, two local government or institutional representatives (parks, schools, county, COIC, OSU), two at-large individuals, two subject matter experts (science community, energy utilities, etc.), and one member who will be 18 years old or younger at the time of initial appointment. The Committee will have two council liaisons as non-voting members. A chair and vice-chair may be selected by the Mayor prior to the first meeting of the CASC to best ensure they understand the Council direction for the committee as per Bend Code section 1.20.015A.

D. The CASC will be staffed through the City Manager's office by the Sustainability Coordinator. The Sustainability Coordinator will involve other employees of the City (senior policy analyst, facilities, IT, utilities, transportation, planning, legal, economic development, affordable housing, engineering, etc.) on an as-needed basis.

E. The CASC serves an advisory role and will make recommendations to the City Council. The CASC is but one element of public involvement and a way for the Council to hear from an important group on technical and policy matters. The Council retains its decision making authority over City policy.

SECTION 3. CLIMATE ACTION – CLIMATE ACTION PLANS.

A. The Council intends the CASC to participate in development of Climate Action Plans for recommendation to the Council and to help implement the C-CAP under the following intended timeframe:

1. By September 2018, the CASC will have reviewed and the City will recommend a climate action plan for City Operations (to be known as the Strategic Energy Management Plan), to guide the City in pursuit of the City facilities and operations goals of Section 1A.

2. By September 2019, the CASC will recommend a C-CAP to guide the City and community in pursuit of the community goals of Section 1B.

B. Climate Action Plans will include five year benchmarks, targets, policies, and measurable actions consistent with the best available science and designed to achieve the reduction goals set forth in Section 1. They will include a SCBA of short and long term objectives/projects/adaptions for achieving the reduction goals. They will also include implementation plans with monitoring, reporting and verification frameworks that identify accountability and schedule for actions, plan updates, as well as the funding strategy to support implementation.

D. Upon recommendation of the plans to the City Council, the Council will adopt or modify the plans within 90 days, unless there is a financial or logistical reason it cannot do so. The City expressly recognizes the community urgency of the Climate Action Plans and is committed to acting timely and without unreasonable delay.

E. Once adopted, the City Manager will take the necessary steps to integrate the Strategic Energy Management Plan and C-CAP into City operations, projects, procedures and other decision-making as applicable.

Based on these findings, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

To create the Climate Action Steering Committee in accordance with Resolution 3044 and these findings.

Adopted by motion on February 7, 2018.

YES: Casey Roats, Mayor
Sally Russell
Bill Moseley
Bruce Abernethy
Nathan Boddie
Barb Campbell

NO: Justin Livingston



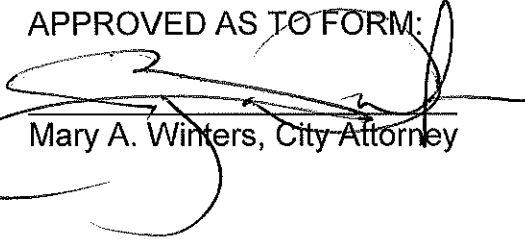
Casey Roats, Mayor

ATTEST:



Robyn Christie, City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Mary A. Winters, City Attorney

