

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: November 13, 2017
To: The City Manager
From: Gregory M. Turner, Assistant City Manager

Council Action Requested:

Consideration of a Resolution for the City to Join the Bee City USA Organization

Strategic Focus Area: Healthy Environment
Strategic Objective: N/A
Strategic Plan Action Item: No
Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

In August, the City’s General Government Committee received a report on the problem of Bee Colony collapse and the risk this poses to the food supply. As part of the presentation, the concept of the City joining Bee City USA was discussed. This organization promotes bee friendly regulations by cities. Council Member MacIntosh has recommended that the City consider joining Bee City USA and it does appear to be the most established of the organizations that the City could join. Membership would commit the City to preparing an Annual Report to the organization on the City’s activities regarding bee friendliness and would require the assignment of the City’s bee friendly program to a City Department, and assignment of oversight of the City’s bee friendly activities to a new or existing Committee of the City.

The attached resolution authorizes the City Manager to apply for membership on behalf of the City of Winston-Salem to the Bee City USA organization. The application cost for a City of our size is \$500.00. There is also an annual fee of \$500.00 for membership is the City is accepted.

Committee Action:

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| Committee | <u>CD/H/GG 11/14/17</u> | Action | <u>Approval</u> |
| For | <u>Unanimous</u> | Against | <u></u> |
| Remarks: | <u></u> | | |