

Information Item

Date: March 13, 2023

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Johnnie Taylor, Assistant City Manager
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Subject: Update from the Community Sustainability Program Committee on Recommendations for Achieving Sustainability Goals

Strategic Focus Area: Healthy Environment

Strategic Objective: Support Green Initiatives

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



The Community Sustainability Program Committee (CSPC) presents the attached draft resolution for feedback and comments from members of the City Council. The resolution is intended to provide recommendations for more specific steps the city might take in order to accomplish the goals established in the City Council Resolution #20-0499 Approving a Goal of 100% Clean Renewable Energy by 2050 and Creation of Green Jobs, also attached. The draft resolution also notes the intent to support the goals and actions listed in the Office of Sustainability Internal Sustainability Action plan, which staff plans to update in FY 23-24.

Staff from the Office of Sustainability and Fleet, while supportive of making progress towards the goals of Resolution #20-0499, find the specific suggestions in this resolution would present a significant financial and logistical burden to accomplish in the recommended time frames. For example, requesting facility upgrades and policies by the end of 2023, significantly increasing spending on zero-emission vehicles by the end of next year, and only purchasing ZEVs by 2035 are all substantial short-term financial requests without a source of available funding. It is also important to note that these new goals, particularly related to fleet, differ greatly from those set in Resolution #20-0499.