

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: December 12, 2023

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

From: Tiffany Oliva, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs & Strategic Initiatives
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Council Action Requested:
 Ordinance Approving an Amendment to Chapter 2, Article III of the City Code Adding Division 18 to Codify the By-Laws of the Community Sustainability Program Committee.

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



Summary of Information:

In May of 2007, City Council adopted a resolution pledging the City of Winston-Salem’s commitment to stabilizing atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases by reducing emissions from its local government operations and throughout the community. In September 2008, City Council established the Community Sustainability Program Committee, responsible for reviewing the City’s Local Action Plan and providing periodic reports and recommendations to City Council with regard to greenhouse gas emissions and related sustainability issues. The committee dissolved in 2013 when a grant from the Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant expired. In September of 2018, the City re-established the Community Sustainability Program Committee (CSPC) through resolution.

Committee Action:

Committee	PW 12/12/2023	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	

Remarks:

Since the CSPC was re-established by resolution, its by-laws are not currently in the City's Code of Ordinances. If approved, the attached language would codify the Committee's structure. This includes establishment of a quorum, election of a vice chair, establishment of the Committee's ability to set its meeting schedule, and reversion back to the 2008 Committee appointment process being citywide. The proposed by-laws follow the intent of the resolution, including its outline for duties and number of members. It modifies membership appointment in order to increase recruitment and membership. It also allows the committee to elect its own chair and vice chair, and establish its meeting schedule, whether it be monthly or quarterly.

The Ordinance (2-310.22) replaces the 2018 Sustainability resolution.