

## City Council – Action Request Form

**Date:** September 10, 2018

**To:** The City Manager

**From:** Johnnie Taylor, Director of Operations  
Helen Peplowski, Sustainability Program 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:**

City staff recommends the City of Winston-Salem to become a BEE CITY USA liaison. In August 2017, a report to the City’s General Government Committee highlighted the problem of bee colony collapse, and the risks to the food supply chain. Mandatory BEE CITY USA liaison requirements are listed below.

- A. Designate a liaison
- B. Commit to an annually celebrate National Pollinator Week (third full week in June)
- C. Install and maintain at least one authorized BEE CITY USA street sign in a prominent location
- D. Create and maintain a webpage on the City’s website which includes, at minimum, a copy of the resolution, links to the national BEE CITY USA website, contact information for the local government’s BEE CITY USA liaison
- E. Develop and implement a program to create or expand pollinator-friendly habitats

**Committee Action:**

<b>Committee</b>	<u>CDHGG 9/11/18</u>	<b>Action</b>	<u>Approval</u>
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<b>For</b>	<u>Unanimous</u>	<b>Against</b>	<u></u>
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**Remarks:**

- F. Establish a policy in the City's comprehensive plan to acknowledge and commit to the BEE CITY USA designation
- G. Apply for renewal of the BEE CITY USA designation following the format provided by BEE CITY USA, including a report of the previous year's BEE CITY USA activities, and paying the renewal fee based on Winston-Salem's population

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.

If approved, the attached resolution would formally authorize the City of Winston-Salem as a BEE CITY USA affiliate with the responsibilities listed above.