

RESOLUTION NO. M-1306

A RESOLUTION by the Olympia City Council on City actions to mitigate global warming.

WHEREAS, current evidence indicates that global warming and ozone layer depletion, as well as surface air pollution, are occurring as a result of human activity, and

WHEREAS, although the rate of change and impacts on Olympia are uncertain, the nature of likely impacts on sea level, crops, water supply, energy, forests, and wildlife makes action prudent in spite of uncertainty, and

WHEREAS, Olympians can be part of the solution of this global problem by slowing emissions of greenhouse gases, increasing tree cover and preparing to adapt to change, and

WHEREAS, most actions in response to global warming, ozone depletion, and surface air pollution will result in such short term benefits as cleaner air and water, cost savings, greater economic competitiveness, and more energy security, and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia has the authority to reduce emissions of greenhouse, ozone depleting gases and other air pollutants through its own municipal operations, through regulation of private activity, and through education and incentive programs, and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia has already initiated legislation and programs which have the effect of reducing greenhouse gases, and

WHEREAS, the City's Global Warming Task Force has

prepared a report summarizing the current knowledge about global climate change and the predicted local impacts, and recommending actions in addition to those included in approved 1991 work programs and budgets.

THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. In the coming decades, the City of Olympia will respond to the prospect of global climate change by a three part strategy of reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, increasing tree cover, and preparing for change.

Section 2. The interdepartmental Global Warming Task Force is directed to continue its work in 1991. Its next task will be to prepare a five year action plan. Following Council review, the task force will work with each department to formulate 1992 work programs and budgets. A similar process is expected to continue in subsequent years.

Section 3. All departments are directed to begin considering ways they can contribute to reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, increasing tree cover, and preparing for climate change through municipal operations, regulations, and education/incentive programs.

Section 4. The Council expects to take the following actions in 1991:

- A. Adopt a tree preservation ordinance, scheduled for presentation to Council by the Urban Forestry Advisory Board in March, 1991.
- B. Adopt a parks and open space plan, scheduled for presentation to Council by the Parks and Recreation

Advisory Committee in January, 1991.

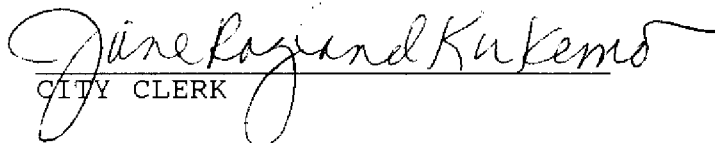
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council authorizes the following departmental activities in addition to those already included in the 1991 work program and budgets:

- A. Seek grants and/or loans for energy efficient retrofits of City-owned buildings and vehicles, and initial planning for potential sea level rise.
- B. Lobby State legislature in support of proposed clean air, global warming, and urban forestry legislation.
- C. Adopt a policy to eliminate use of CFC's and other ozone depleting materials by the City and explore local government authority to regulate CFC's and other environmentally hazardous products.
- D. Establish a higher fuel efficiency standard for new vehicle purchases.
- E. Consider issues related to global climate change in updating the zoning code and development standards (e.g. street standards, open space, housing density, solar access).
- F. Encourage employees to walk, bicycle, car pool or bus to work.

DATED this 5 day of ^{February} ~~January~~, 1991.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


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