

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Adoption of Resolution No. 242 Endorsing the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement
DEPARTMENT:	City Manager's Office
PRESENTED BY:	Robert L. Olander, City Manager

PROBLEM / ISSUE STATEMENT:

Councilmembers introduced the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement at the April 17th workshop to consider endorsing the Agreement. The endorsement of the U.S. Conference of Mayors at it 73rd annual meeting was included in the Council staff report. The Agreement is being distributed to cities through out the nation for endorsement and comment. Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels is coordinating the effort locally.

The endorsement by the U.S. Conference of Mayors recites a need to respond to global warming by reducing greenhouse gas emissions which the Agreement addresses in three ways: 1) Cities supporting the Agreement urge policies and programs by the states and federal government that will achieve a target reduction in greenhouse gases of 7% of 1990 levels by 2012. 2) Cities urge the Congress to enact legislation reducing greenhouse gas emissions. 3) Cities commit to efforts in local operations and community programs that will contribute to achieving the target reduction.

Many of the suggested local actions are already underway in Shoreline operations and services; reducing sprawl, developing sidewalks and bicycle trails, transit improvements, commute trip reduction incentives, recycling and healthy urban forests are examples.

Council gave staff direction to place the Climate Protection Agreement on the agenda for action formally endorsing the Agreement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No financial impact is anticipated. The Agreement supports regional and national efforts to reduce emissions. By endorsing the Agreement, Shoreline commitments to take local measures that promote reduction of greenhouse emissions, and many of these efforts are already being implemented or will be implemented as new opportunities arise. The resolution does not obligate the City to perform all of the suggested measures where local conditions or operations make them impractical.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council consider Resolution No. 242 authorizing endorsement of the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney _____

Attachments:

- A. Proposed Resolution No. 242

RESOLUTION NO. 242

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE,
WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING SUPPORT FOR THE U.S.
CONFERENCE OF MAYORS CLIMATE PROTECTION
AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the 73rd Annual U.S. Conference of Mayors amended and endorsed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement which reads:

Mayors Climate Protection Agreement

- A. We urge the federal government and state governments to enact policies and programs to meet or beat the target of reducing global warming pollution levels to 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012, including efforts to reduce the United States' dependence on fossil fuels and accelerate the development of clean, economical energy resources and fuel-efficient technologies such as conservation, methane recovery for energy generation, waste to energy, wind and solar energy, fuel cells, efficient motor vehicles, and biofuels; and
- B. We urge the U.S. Congress to pass bipartisan greenhouse gas reduction legislation that includes 1) clear timetables and emissions limits and 2) a flexible, market-based system of tradable allowances among emitting industries; and
- C. We will strive to meet or exceed Kyoto Protocol targets for reducing global warming pollution by taking actions in our own operations and communities such as:
 - 1) Inventory global warming emissions in City operations and in the community, set reduction targets and create an action plan;
 - 2) Adopt and enforce land-use policies that reduce sprawl, preserve open space, and create compact, walkable urban communities;
 - 3) Promote transportation options such as bicycle trails, commute trip reduction programs;
 - 4) Increase the use of clean, alternative energy by, for example investing in "green tags" advocating for the development of renewable energy resources, recovering landfill methane for energy production, and supporting the use of waste to energy technology;
 - 5) Make energy efficiency a priority through building code improvements, retrofitting city facilities with energy efficient lighting and urging employees to conserve energy and save money;
 - 6) Purchase only Energy Star equipment and appliances for City use;
 - 7) Practice and promote sustainable building practices using the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED program or a similar system;
 - 8) Increase the average fuel efficiency of municipal fleet vehicles; reduce the number of vehicles; launch an employee education program including anti-idling messages; convert diesel vehicles to bio-diesel;
 - 9) Evaluate opportunities to increase pump efficiency in water and wastewater systems; recover wastewater treatment methane for energy production;

- 10) Increase recycling rates in City operations and in the community;
- 11) Maintain healthy urban forests; promote tree planting to increase shading and to absorb CO2; and
- 12) Help educate the public, schools, other jurisdictions, professional associations, business and industry and about reducing global warming pollution.

WHEREAS, the City Council supports the three proposals of the Mayors Protection Agreement including suggested local measures to promote energy efficiency and reduce harmful emissions that are feasible and cost effective for Shoreline; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON:

That the Mayor is authorized to execute on behalf of the City Council a statement of support for the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement and the City Clerk shall file the statement with officials coordinating support on behalf of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON April 24, 2005.

Mayor Robert L. Ransom

ATTEST:

Scott Passey
City Clerk