

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Adoption of Resolution No. 414 Affirming the Principles of the Paris Climate Accord; Sponsored by Mayor Roberts and Councilmember Hall
DEPARTMENT:	City Manager's Office
PRESENTED BY:	John Norris, Assistant City Manager
ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

Mayor Roberts and Councilmember Hall communicated with the City Manager's Office that they would like to sponsor the discussion of a City resolution affirming the principles of the Paris Climate Accord. The goals of the Paris Climate Accord are in alignment with the environmental sustainability goals for the City of Shoreline, as the City's Climate Action Plan, which was adopted by the City Council in 2013, has a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by the City of Shoreline and the community.

Proposed Resolution No. 414, which is proposed for discussion and adoption tonight, resolves to affirm the principles of the Paris Climate Accord and provides direction to the Mayor to sign onto the '*We Are Still In*' and '*#Cities4Climate*' initiatives, which are national efforts affirming and supporting the Paris Climate Accord. As proposed Resolution No. 414 is in front of the Council for the first time, as per Council rule, public comment on this resolution shall follow the staff report but precede Council review and potential adoption of the resolution.

RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact to adopting Resolution No. 414.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council adopt Resolution No. 414

Approved By: City Manager **DT** City Attorney **MK**

BACKGROUND

Mayor Roberts and Councilmember Hall communicated with the City Manager's Office that they would like to sponsor the discussion of a City resolution affirming the principles of the Paris Climate Accord. The Paris Climate Accord was entered into by 196 parties, including the United States of America, in 2015 with the goal of holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. To achieve this, the United States of America pledged to cut emissions between 26 and 28 percent compared with 2005 levels by 2025.

The goals of the Paris Climate Accord are in alignment with the environmental sustainability goals for the City of Shoreline, as the City's Climate Action Plan, which was adopted by the City Council in 2013, has a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by the City of Shoreline and the community. Specifically, the Climate Action Plan sets a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the community by 50 percent below 2007 levels by 2030, and 80 percent by 2050. The City's Climate Action Plan can be found at the following link:

<http://www.shorelinewa.gov/home/showdocument?id=14091>.

The withdrawal of the United States from the Paris Climate Accord has been met with disappointment from many local and state governmental entities, along with concerns from many corporations, the scientific community, and from countries around the world. Many organizations are signing onto letters expressing their support for the Paris Climate Accord.

DISCUSSION

Tonight, Council will discuss proposed Resolution No. 414 (Attachment A). Proposed Resolution No. 414 resolves to affirm the principles of the Paris Climate Accord, which the City already supports through its own climate action agenda. The resolution highlights the Council's understanding of climate change and that there are things that local governments can do to help with the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Finally, the resolution highlights Shoreline's greenhouse gas emission reduction targets (and progress towards those targets) as part of the Climate Action Plan.

Proposed Resolution No. 414 also provides direction to the Mayor to sign onto the '*We Are Still In*' and '*#Cities4Climate*' initiatives, which are national efforts affirming and supporting the Paris Climate Accord. The *We Are Still In* coalition is being coordinated by ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability), the World Wildlife Federation, Climate Mayors, C40, Urban Sustainability Director's Network and other sustainability organizations. King County Executive Dow Constantine and Seattle Mayor Ed Murray have each signed onto the *We Are Still In* open letter. More information about *We Are Still In* can be found at their website: <http://wearestillin.com>.

The other effort, *#Cities4Climate*, is an initiative of the National League of Cities (NLC), of which Shoreline is member, and includes the ability to sign onto a letter embracing the principles of the Paris Climate Accord. More information about this effort can be found on their website: <http://www.nlc.org/Cities4Climate>.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Proposed Resolution No. 414

RESOLUTION NO. 414

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON,
AFFIRMING THE CITY OF SHORELINE'S SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF
THE PARIS CLIMATE ACCORD**

WHEREAS, the Paris Climate Accord, an agreement within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, was entered into by 196 parties, including the United States of America, in December 2015; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Paris Climate Accord is to hold the increase in the global average temperature to well below two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Paris Climate Accord, the United States of America pledged to cut emissions between 26 and 28 percent compared with 2005 levels by 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline City Council affirms that climate change is occurring and has accelerated due to human activity, and that there are measures that can be taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, based on this understanding, the City of Shoreline has adopted a Climate Action Plan that upholds the City's commitment to promote environmental sustainability and reduce greenhouse gas emissions generated by the City and the community; and

WHEREAS, through the City's Climate Action Plan, the City is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the community by 50 percent below 2007 levels by 2030, and 80 percent by 2050; and

WHEREAS, between 2009 and 2012, the City of Shoreline achieved an eight percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the City has also partnered with King County and other jurisdictions in King County to coordinate and enhance city and County climate efforts by sharing subject matter experts, resources, tools, and to collaborate on grant and funding opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline City Council affirms that climate change is a paramount challenge with far-reaching consequences for our economy, environment, public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, it is the City of Shoreline's intention to continue to support climate action to meet and exceed the Paris Climate Accord;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Council of the City of Shoreline affirms the principles of the Paris Climate Accord, and that the City will continue to support policies and programs aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other activities that may lead to climate change, where feasible, including the continued implementation of the City's Climate Action Plan.

The City Council of City of Shoreline also supports the Mayor of Shoreline signing onto the 'We Are Still In' and the National League of Cities '#Cities4Climate' initiatives, which are national efforts affirming and supporting the Paris Climate Accord.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JUNE 19, 2017.

Christopher Roberts
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk