



AGENDA
COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017
5:30 PM
COMMUNITY ROOM
420 CAPITOLA AVENUE, CAPITOLA, CA 95010

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Cathlin Atchison, Jacques Bertrand, Bella Hammond, Alyssa Millwood-Donahue, Kailash Mozumder, Megan Sixt and Chair Peter Wilk

DISCUSSION

1. Consider Recommendations to the City Council on the Climate Mayors and Paris Agreement

ADJOURNMENT to Workshop on June 28, 2017

Notice: The Commission on the Environment meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Community Room located at 420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola.

Agenda and Agenda Packet Materials: The Commission on the Environment Agenda is available on the City's website: www.cityofcapitola.org on Friday prior to the Wednesday meeting. If you need additional information please contact the Public Works Department at (831) 475-7300.

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**CITY OF CAPITOLA
COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

Special Meeting Date: June 20, 2017

Subject: Climate Mayors and Paris Agreement

The City Council will be considering the Commission's recommendations on the Climate Mayors and Paris Agreement at their meeting on June 22, 2017. Attached is a draft of the Agenda Staff Report on this item for the Commissions information.



CAPITOLA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING OF JUNE 22, 2017

FROM: Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Consider a Resolution for Endorsing the Paris Climate Accord

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the resolution naming a responsible authority as the Climate Mayor and adopting a resolution in support of the Paris Agreement.

BACKGROUND: At the June 8, 2017 meeting, the City Council directed the Commission on the Environment to consider recommending the mayor or responsible authority join Climate Mayors and adopt a resolution in support of the Paris Agreement. This is intended as a rapid response for U.S. cities in light of the President's action on June 1, 2017 to withdraw U.S. participation from the Paris Agreement.

The Commission on the Environment will meet on June 20, 2017 to make a recommendation to the City Council. This recommendation will be transmitted to the Council prior to the Council meeting.

DISCUSSION: Climate Mayors (aka the Mayors National Climate Action Agenda) is a Mayor-to-Mayor network of nearly 200 of U.S. Mayors representing over 50 million Americans, working together to strengthen local efforts for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and supporting efforts for binding federal and global-level policy making.

There are no binding commitments as a Climate Mayors member, only that cities are pursuing actions to achieve an emissions reduction target through:

1. Developing a community Greenhouse Gas (GHG) inventory
2. Setting near- and long-term targets to reduce emissions
3. Developing a Climate Action Plan aligned with the city's targets.
4. Resourcing City-led activities to demonstrate year-on-year progress

The City of Capitola is already completed many of these actions and continues to work on implementing our Climate Action Plan.

In addition, members of the Climate Mayors network are asked to sign joint letters and statements, as well as substantive initiatives like the Electric Vehicle Request for Information (EV RFI). There are monthly coordination calls for each city's Sustainability/Climate Lead to participate and share progress.

Climate Mayors membership is open to Mayors of U.S. cities, towns and municipalities.

Paris Accord Mayor's resolution
June 22, 2017

There is no formal process for mayors to join Climate Mayors, although it is requested that an email be sent from a responsible authority within each city, typically the Mayor's office or policy/environmental department lead.

Joining Climate Mayors mutually strengthens grassroots-level, city-led activity on undertaking climate action by supporting clean energy sources, making infrastructure efficient and growing the economy through investing in the sectors that enable a climate-compatible future.

Finally, although there is no formal mechanism for sub-national entities such as cities and municipalities to join the Paris Agreement, Climate Mayors members 'sign up' by adopting the spirit and goals of the Agreement, supported by tangible local-level action. A draft resolution in support of the Paris Agreement is attached.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

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Reviewed and Forwarded by:

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPITOLA
IN SUPPORT OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, consensus exists among the world's leading climate scientists that global warming caused by emissions of greenhouse gases (GHG) from human activities is among the most significant problems facing the world today; and

WHEREAS, documented impacts of global warming include but are not limited to increased occurrences of extreme weather events (e.g. droughts and floods), adverse impacts on ecosystems, demographic patterns and economic value chains; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has mandated statewide reduction of the 2030 GHG emissions target by reducing today's petroleum use in cars and trucks by up to 50 percent; increasing from one-third to 50 percent of electricity derived from renewable sources; doubling the energy efficiency savings achieved at existing buildings and making heating fuels cleaner; reducing the release of methane, black carbon and other short-lived climate pollutants; managing farm and rangelands, forests and wetlands so they can store carbon; and periodically updating the state's climate adaptation strategy; and

WHEREAS, responding to the climate change provides communities an opportunity to access first mover advantage in the range of products, services and know-how that transitioning to a climate-compatible future brings; and

WHEREAS, the Paris Agreement resulted in a commitment from almost every nation to take action and enact programs to limit global temperature increase to less than 2 degrees Celsius, with an expectation that this goal would be reduced to 1.5 degrees in the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF CAPITOLA:

1. Indicates its commitment to reducing GHG emissions through an implementation of a Climate Action Plan; and
2. Joins other United States cities in the Climate Mayors network in adopting and supporting the goals of the Paris Agreement; and
3. Commits to exploring the potential benefits and costs of adopting policies and programs that promote the long-term goal of GHG emissions reduction while maximizing economic and social co-benefits of such action.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Capitola at its regular meeting held on the 22nd day of June, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Stephanie Harlan, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Linda Fridy, City Clerk

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