

RESOLUTION NO. 6752

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS, ESTABLISHING THE MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE PROTECTION.

WHEREAS, in March 2006, the City of Lawrence approved participation in the U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement and the Sierra Club's Cool Cities program; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments throughout the United States are adopting emission reduction programs; and

WHEREAS, many cities throughout the nation, both large and small, are reducing greenhouse gas emissions through programs that provide economic and quality of life benefits, such as reduced energy bills, green space preservation, air quality improvements, reduce traffic congestion, improved transportation choices, job creation, and economic growth through energy conservation and new energy technologies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lawrence wishes to facilitate broad-based community discussion regarding greenhouse gas reduction and climate protection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS:

Section 1. Establish the Mayor's Task Force on Climate Protection. The City of Lawrence will create the Mayor's Task Force on Climate Protection to develop a climate protection plan in active consultation with the community.

Section 2. Purpose of the Climate Protection Plan. The Climate Protection Plan will

- report greenhouse gas emissions baseline data for city operations and the community;
- recommend greenhouse gas emission reduction goals and target timeframes; and
- recommend strategies to meet the goals while preserving economic development, transportation options, and the ability of responsible producers of energy to provide stable and cost effective energy supply.

Section 3. Membership and organization. The Task Force on Climate Protection will be comprised of not more than twelve members, balanced among stake holder interests, and appointed by the Mayor. A representative of the City Commission will also serve on the task force. The task force will elect a chair and vice-chair, and determine operational and decision-making processes.

Section 4. Reporting and recommendations. The Task Force on Climate Protection should provide a final report to the City Commission no later than twelve months after the initial meeting. If the final recommendations for the Climate Protection Plan are not completed by that time, the task force will present a preliminary report to the City Commission and a status of final recommendations.

Section 5. Initial meeting. The Task Force on Climate Protection will initially meet at the time and place determined by the Mayor. The chair and vice-chair will be selected. Organizational structure and future meetings will be determined.

Section 6. Open meetings and open records. All meetings and records of the Task Force on Climate Protection or its sub-groups shall be open and available to the public.

THIS RESOLUTION is passed and adopted by the City this 12th day of February, 2008.

Sue Hack
Sue Hack, Mayor

ATTEST:
Frank S. Reeb
Frank S. Reeb, City Clerk