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RESOLUTION No. 3 7 6 31

BY REQUEST OF MAYOR BAARSIVIA AND COUNCIL MEMBERS FEY,
LADENBURG, AND WALKER

2 A RESOLUTION creating an Office of Sustainability and establishing the
3 Sustainable Tacoma Commission on Climate Change.
4 WHEREAS, in February 2007, the City Council appointed a Green
5 Ribbon Climate Action Task Force ("Task Force") to define carbon reduction
6 goals and develop specific community and government action plans to achieve
7 those goals, and
8 those goals, and

9 WHEREAS, on July 1, 2008, the Task Force presented a report titled

10 "Tacoma's Climate Action Plan" ("Plan") to the City Council, and

11 WHEREAS the Plan provides strategies for achieving carbon reduction
12 goals, generally divided into five categories: "City Leading by Example,"
13 "Moving People and Goods More Efficiently," "Enhancing Compact/Livable
14 Neighborhoods," "Energy Efficiency in Our Buildings, Homes, and Industries,"
15 and "Reuse and Recycle ... from Buildings to Food Waste," and
16 and "Reuse and Recycle ... from Buildings to Food Waste," and

17 WHEREAS the Task Force recommended establishment of a citizen's
18 oversight commission to bring citizen accountability, transparency, and
19 vigilance to the long-term implementation of the Plan, and
20 WHEREAS the City Council and the Tacoma Public Utility Board ("Utility
24 Board") wish to establish central points of contact for implementation of the
22 Plan in order to coordinate actions across departments through the creation of
24 an Office of Sustainability ("Office"), and
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WHEREAS the Office will be staffed from positions appointed by the City
Manager and the Director of Utilities, respectively; Now, Therefore,
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3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:
4 Section 1. That there is created an Office of Sustainability ("Office"),
5 which shall report to the City Manager and the duties of which shall include:
6 (1) Research and development of City policies and programs that foster
7 achievement of the City's sustainability goals and objectives; (2) Establishment
8 of two 5- and 10-year sustainability goals for City government and the
9 community and periodic updates and reports on the achievement of those
10 goals, including financial savings to the City; (3) Provide staff support to the
11 Sustainable Tacoma Commission on Climate Change and to any internal City
12 workgroups implementing or supporting the Plan; (4) Integrate sustainability
13 and environmental values into City plans, programs, and policies; (5) Make
14 recommendations to the City Council, the City Manager, and the Utility Board
15 and Director of Utilities, as appropriate, to implement appropriate policies and
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17 practices; (6) Promote sustainable practices by citizens, businesses,
18 government agencies, and nonprofit organizations; (7) Represent, in
19 coordination with governmental relations staff, the City and TPU in forums and
20 meetings promoting sustainability and coordinate with state, regional, and
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22 national climate action efforts; (8) Establish a partnership to analyze and
23 reduce the carbon footprint in business and industry; and (9) Encourage and
24 actively support sustainable activities of government agencies in Pierce County.
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1 Section 2. That, pursuant to and consistent with the Tacoma City
2 Charter, Article IV, Section 4.17, the City Council authorizes Tacoma Public
3 Utilities ("TPLI"), through its Director and subordinates, to collaborate with the
4 Office to accomplish its public policy purposes; and authorizes TPU to create a
5 sustainability function to accomplish such collaboration with such authorization
6 subject to City Council review and reauthorization no later than October 1,
7 2010.
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9 Section 3. That there is created the Sustainable Tacoma Commission
10 on Climate Change ("Commission"), which Commission shall have the purpose
11 and be constituted substantially as outlined on Exhibit "A" hereto.

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13 Adopted OCT 21 2008

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2 PURPOSE

3 The purpose of the Commission is to bring citizen accountability, transparency,
4 and vigilance to the long-term implementation of Tacoma's Climate Action Plan,
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6 as developed by the Green Ribbon Climate Action Task Force.

7 COMPOSITION AND TERM

8 A. The Commission shall consist of 11 members, who shall be a
9 balanced representation of various stakeholders in the Tacoma community,
10 such as environmental, small business, labor, housing, industrial and port,
11 transportation, education, building industry, and residential consumers.
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13 Members shall be recommended by the City's Appointments Committee and
14 confirmed by the City Council. Commission members shall serve staggered
15 terms of three years. The initial terms shall be one year for the first, second,
16 and third members appointed; two years for the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh
17 members appointed; and three years for the eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh
18 members appointed. A member shall hold office until the member's successor
19 is appointed; provided, that the term of the successor shall be deemed to have
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21 commenced upon the expiration of the term of the member holding over and
22 shall be considered a full term. In an effort to promote both stability within the
23 Commission and to encourage rotation of the membership, the City Council
24 sets a guideline of two full terms per member but, at its discretion, may
25 reappoint members to serve more than two terms.
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B. The Commission shall be subject to the provisions of Washington's
Open Public Meetings Act.

C. The Commission shall adopt written rules governing its procedures
and providing for the holding of regular and special meetings. A copy of these

5 rules shall be filed with the City Clerk.

6 D. The Commission shall have the following duties: (1) Oversee
7 implementation of Tacoma's Climate Action Plan strategies; (2) Coordinate with
8 the Office of Sustainability to obtain greenhouse gas emissions reduction
9 reports; (3) Obtain updates from the Office of Sustainability on Climate Action
10 Plan strategy implementation efforts and periodic result reports; (4) Provide
11 annual progress reports to the public; (5) Communicate barriers to and
12 incentives for implementation to the City Council; and (6) Create a forum for
13 regular public comment and community involvement.
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1. DATE: 10/9/08

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2. SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER(S) Jake Fey, Mayor Baarsma, Connie Ladenburg and Lauren Walker

3a. REQUESTING

4a. CONTACT (for questions):

PHONE:5310

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION/PROGRAM

Alisa O'Hanlon

Legislative/Mayor-Council

4b. Person Presenting:

PHONE:5100

3b. Do PASS FROM Env/PW

M Yes

Jake Fey

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4c. ATTORNEY:

PHONE:

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5. REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE: October 21, 2008

(If a specific council meeting date is required, explain why; i.e., grant application deadline, contract expiration date, required contract execution date, public notice or hearing required, etc.)

6. SUMMARY AGENDA TITLE: (A concise sentence, as it will appear on the Council agenda.)

To establish an Office of Sustainability and the Sustainable Tacoma Commission

7. BACKGROUND INFORMATION/GENERAL DiscussionN: (Why is this request necessary? Are there legal requirements? What are the viable alternatives? Who has been involved in the process?)

The City Council appointed the Green Ribbon Climate Action Task Force in February 2007 to define carbon reduction goals, and develop specific community and government action plans to achieve those goals. The Task Force presented a report titled "Tacoma's Climate Action Plan" to the City Council on July 1, 2008. The Plan provides strategies for achieving carbon reduction goals, generally divided into five categories, "City Leading by Example," "Moving People and Goods More Efficiently," "Enhancing Compact/Livable Neighborhoods," "Energy Efficiency in our Buildings, Homes, and Industries" and, "Reuse and Recycle ... from Buildings to Food Waste". The Task Force also recommended establishment of a citizen's oversight commission to bring citizen accountability, transparency and vigilance to the long-term implementation of the Plan.

8. LIST ALL MATERIAL AVAILABLE AS BACKUP INFORMATION FOR THE REQUEST AND INDICATE WHERE FILED:

Source Documents/Backup Material	Location of Document
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9. FINANCIAL IMPACT: A. F-1 No IMPACT (NO FISCAL NOTE)

B. YES, OVER \$1 00,000, Fiscal Note Attached

C. YES, UNDER \$1 00,000, (NO FISCAL NOTE) Provide funding source information below:

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FUNDING SOURCE: (Enter amount of funding from each source)

Fund Number & Name: State \$	city \$	Other \$	Total Amount
95,000		\$95,000	

If an expenditure, is it budgeted?	Yes M No	Where? Cost Center:	161500
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*The City Manager is finalizing recommendations for the 2009/1 0 budget. When those recommendations are presented in budget session with the Council, an appropriation for the Office of Sustainability will be presented that takes into consideration the amount that was appropriated for 2008.

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Maker of Motion: nLk--

Seconded:

Voice Vote:

MEMBERS	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Anderson				
Mr. Fey				
Ms. Ladenburg				
Mr. Loneragan	r-7<@			
Mr. Manthou	C;141			
Ms. Strickland				
Mr. Talbert				
Ms. Walker	4-@			
Mayor Baarsma				

Roll Call Vote:

MEMBERS	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Anderson				
Mr. Fey				
Ms. Ladenburg				
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