

RESOLUTION No. 37090

Adopt the Climate Change Preparation Strategy and associated Risk and Vulnerabilities Assessment to reduce climate-related vulnerabilities for residents and businesses and respond to impacts as they occur (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the scientific evidence is increasingly clear that human activities are largely responsible for the accelerating changes in the global climate; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland and Multnomah County have adopted a goal to reduce carbon emissions 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050, and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change estimates that global greenhouse gas emissions must decline 50 to 85 percent from 2000 levels by 2050 to avoid catastrophic climate disruption; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of climate change are already evident in the Pacific Northwest region. The American Meteorological Society states that due to human activity, the average annual temperature in the Pacific Northwest has increased 1.3 degrees Fahrenheit since the beginning of the 20th century and has accelerated over the past three to four decades; and

WHEREAS, climate change poses a significant threat to Oregon including winter flooding, summer droughts, loss of shoreline, forest fires, diminished fish and wildlife habitat, retreating glaciers, decreased snow pack, and increased disease vectors and invasive species; and

WHEREAS, Portland's climate future is expected to be characterized by hotter, drier summers with more high-heat days, and warmer winters with the potential for more intense rain events; and

WHEREAS, risks associated with Portland's climate projections include increases in: 1) temperatures and frequency of high-heat days, 2) incidence of drought, 3) wildfire frequency and intensity, 4) incidence and magnitude of damaging floods, and 5) incidence of landslides; and

WHEREAS, the City has implemented a number of innovative policies and programs that have reduced risks from climate change while providing other environmental, economic and community benefits; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 joint City of Portland and Multnomah County Climate Action Plan directed the City and County to conduct a risk and vulnerabilities assessment and to develop a Climate Change Preparation Strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Change Preparation Strategy proposes 12 objectives and more than 80 actions to build climate resilience into Portland and Multnomah County's policies, operations, services and infrastructure over the coming years; and

WHEREAS, successful climate change preparation requires steps to understand how climate change may affect people most vulnerable to the projected impacts, and to prioritize preparation actions for communities facing current and historical disparities that may be exacerbated by climate change impacts, including low-income populations, communities of color and older adults; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Change Preparation Strategy and associated Risk and Vulnerabilities Assessment have been revised in response to comments from the community and a broad array of partner agencies and organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Change Preparation Strategy underscores the essential role of equity, natural systems, and public health in successfully preparing for a changing climate.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City adopts the joint City of Portland and Multnomah County Climate Change Preparation Strategy (Exhibit A) and the Climate Change Preparation Strategy Risk and Vulnerabilities Assessment (Exhibit B) ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that bureaus are directed to implement the actions identified in the Climate Change Preparation Strategy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the key findings and actions from the Climate Change Preparation Strategy be integrated into the forthcoming update to the Climate Action Plan.

Adopted by the Council: OCT 08 2014

Mayor Charlie Hales
Prepared by: Ingrid Fish
Date Prepared: September 11, 2014

LaVonne Griffin-Valade
Auditor of the City of Portland
By


Deputy

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BUREAU APPROVAL Bureau: Planning and Sustainability Bureau Head: Susan Anderson <i>[Signature]</i> Prepared by: Ingrid Fish Date Prepared: September 11, 2014 Financial Impact & Public Involvement Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/> Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan <i>[Signature]</i>	ACTION TAKEN:
Council Meeting Date October 8, 2014	

AGENDA TIME CERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Start time: 10:15 am Total amount of time needed: 30 (for presentation, testimony and discussion)
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1. Fritz	1. Fritz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
4. Novick	4. Novick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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