

RESOLUTION 2017-087
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPACT OF COLORADO COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, Colorado communities share in common a strong quality of life deeply rooted in the state's vigorous economy, agricultural and environmental resources, and rich cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, Colorado communities, residents and businesses throughout the state are already beginning to feel the impacts of climate change such as reduced snowpack, high heat days, earlier snowmelt runoff, and more frequent and severe floods, droughts and wildfires; and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2017, elected officials and senior staff from Colorado cities and counties pledged to present a formal charter to become co-founding members of the Compact of Colorado Communities (the "Compact"), and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Compact is to build capacity of Colorado cities and counties in developing and implementing aggressive climate change and clean energy initiatives thus ensuring the security and economic prosperity of its member communities; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2015, Fort Collins City Council unanimously adopted Resolution 2015-030, updating community greenhouse gas goals and targets to reduce such emissions 20% below 2005 by 2020, 80% by 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2050; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2015, Fort Collins City Council unanimously adopted Resolution 2015-115 updating the Energy Policy and its supportive goals to reduce the percentage contribution of coal-derived electricity to less than 60 percent by 2020 and increase the overall amount of renewable energy to a minimum of 20 percent by 2020, and recognizing that the City has a wide range of local and regional energy partners and that these resources can best be used through continued engagement, collaboration, data-sharing and program development, and

WHEREAS, the City's 2016 Strategic Plan contains an objective to Achieve Climate Action Plan (CAP) goals by reducing greenhouse gases (GHGs) and to engage citizens in ways to educate and encourage behaviors toward more sustainable living practices, and

WHEREAS, the Compact will advance climate action and preparedness of its member communities through:

- Training and technical support to member communities in developing and delivering community improvement programs advancing GHG reduction, clean energy and climate preparedness;
- Facilitating peer learning and resource sharing between local governments;
- Enhancing local government capacity to address climate related risks and opportunities throughout critical decision-making roles;

- Securing technical support and funding resources for members' local implementation efforts;
- Spurring creation of jobs, improving public health and demonstrating bold actions; and
- Advancing statewide preparedness and resilience;

and

WHEREAS, the Compact will be governed by a Steering Committee that includes representation from member communities nominating their own elected officials and/or senior staff (the "Steering Committee"); and

WHEREAS, the Compact will be administered by staff hired and dedicated to its own mission without conflict of interest; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Climate Change Officers ("ACCO") will act as a temporary fiscal agent for the Compact until such time as the Compact may establish its own organization or has identified a successor organization to serve in that role; and

WHEREAS, the City also participates in the Colorado Communities for Climate Action whose mission is to advocate for state and federal policies to protect Colorado's climate for current and future generations, and thus is complementary to and not duplicative of the mission of the Compact; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that participation in the Compact to address climate change will further the City's 2016 Strategic Plan objective to achieve CAP goals, support the 2016 Fort Collins Energy Policy, build community resilience, stimulate the local economy and is in the best interest of the citizens of Fort Collins; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to authorize the City's participation in Compact of Colorado Communities ("Compact") as described in this Resolution and to designate one elected official and an alternate to participate in the annual convening of the Compact.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes any and all determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That the City Manager is directed and authorized to take such steps as are necessary for the City to formally join the Compact of Colorado Communities and make the following commitments:

A. Training & Capacity Building

1. City Council will select at least one elected official and the City Manager will assign at least one senior staff member to participate in the annual convening of the Compact.

2. The City will commit to leadership and senior staff participation in annual climate change training as referenced in the Compact's published guidelines, involving one elected official, one City management/chief of staff, and 4 additional staff annually.

B. Contribution & Funding - The City will:

1. Make an annual contribution to the Compact of \$3,600, with a prorated 2017 contribution of \$900 due 30 days after joining the Compact, and the 2018 contribution due no later than February 1, 2018. All financial commitments beyond the 2017 fiscal year shall be subject to sufficient funds being budgeted, appropriated, and otherwise made available by the City Council.
2. Encourage staff, as appropriate, to provide non-financial support to the Compact's fundraising efforts to ensure that the Compact has sufficient and sustainable funding to supports its members.

C. Actions – The City will:

1. Establish and publicly announce a new goal or initiative by no later than December 31, 2019 that meets an appropriate aggressiveness threshold to be agreed upon by the Steering Committee in consultation with ACCO and Compact staff.

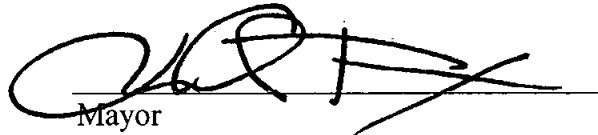
D. Participation

1. The designated elected official and staff representatives will serve as liaisons and official representatives to the Compact.
2. Elected officials will be invited to participate in activities designed and appropriate for elected officials and government leaders (to be held no more frequently than twice annually).
3. Staff liaisons will be asked to address administrative issues, process annual contributions, coordinate usage of Compact benefits and participate in Compact-wide meetings (to be held no more frequently than on a quarterly basis).

Section 3. That the City Council hereby designates Mayor Wade Troxell as the elected official to serve as its representative to the Compact.

Section 4. That the City Council hereby designates Councilmember Kristin Stephens as an alternate to serve as its elected official representative to the Compact when the designated representative is unavailable.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 19th day of September, A.D. 2017.


Mayor

ATTEST:


Interim City Clerk

