

City of Sebastopol

Resolution No. 6166

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL REAFFIRMING ITS INTENT TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AS PART OF A COORDINATED EFFORT THROUGH THE SONOMA COUNTY REGIONAL CLIMATE PROTECTION AUTHORITY AND TO ADOPT LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES AS IDENTIFIED IN CLIMATE ACTION 2020

WHEREAS, climate change is a real and increasingly urgent threat that demands action at every level of government; and

WHEREAS, actions taken by local governments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) provide multiple benefits by providing energy and cost savings, air quality and public health improvements, local job creation, resource conservation, climate resilience, and enhanced equity; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has adopted policy targets to reduce GHGs by 40% from 1990 levels by 2030 and by 80% from 1990 levels by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol has taken a number of actions in support of addressing climate change issues, including adoption of Resolution 5229 regarding participation in the Cities for Climate Protection campaign, Resolution 6146 regarding the Paris Climate Accord, adoption of energy-related building requirements including a mandatory photovoltaic requirement, inclusion of climate policies in its 2016 General Plan; and participation in the preparation of the Climate Action 2020 Plan in collaboration with all Sonoma County jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol participates in a coordinated, countywide collaboration to address climate change via the Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority (RCPA); and

WHEREAS, the success of the RCPA depends on the participation of and collaboration with all local jurisdictions, and a commitment to pool resources towards common goals; and

WHEREAS, the RCPA has adopted the same GHG reduction targets as the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the RCPA has established twenty goals to reduce GHG emissions and nine goals to prepare for local climate impacts; and

WHEREAS, the RCPA and the City of Sebastopol collaborated through the Climate Action 2020 project to develop Measures specific to the City of Sebastopol that will result in the reduction of GHG and result in substantial environmental and community benefits.

WHEREAS, that the adoption and implementation of the climate protection measures developed for the City of Sebastopol in Climate Action 2020 are categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to section 15308 of title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, because these measures constitute actions taken by a regulatory agency, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Sebastopol agrees to work towards the RCPA's countywide target to reduce GHG emissions by 40% below 1990 levels by 2030 and 80% below 1990 levels by 2050; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Sebastopol adopts the following goals to reduce GHG emissions, and will pursue and support local, regional, state, national, and international actions that support these goals:

1. Increase building energy efficiency
2. Increase renewable energy use
3. Switch equipment from fossil fuel to electricity
4. Reduce travel demand through focused growth
5. Encourage a shift toward low-carbon transportation options
6. Increase vehicle and equipment fuel efficiency
7. Encourage a shift toward low-carbon fuels in vehicles and equipment
8. Reduce idling
9. Increase solid waste diversion
10. Increase capture and use of methane from landfills
11. Reduce water consumption
12. Increase recycled water and greywater use
13. Increase water and waste-water infrastructure efficiency
14. Increase use of renewable energy in water and wastewater systems
15. Reduce emissions from livestock operations
16. Reduce emissions from fertilizer use
17. Protect and enhance the value of open and working lands
18. Promote sustainable agriculture
19. Increase carbon sequestration
20. Reduce emissions from the consumption of goods and services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Sebastopol will continue to work to increase the health and resilience of social, natural, and built resources to withstand the impacts of climate change; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Sebastopol has the goal of increasing resilience by pursuing and supporting local, regional, state, national, and international actions that support the following goals:

1. Promote healthy, safe communities
2. Protect water resources
3. Promote as sustainable, climate-resilient economy

4. Mainstream the use of climate projections
5. Manage natural buffer zones around community resources
6. Promote agricultural preparedness and food security
7. Protect infrastructure
8. Increase emergency preparedness and prevention
9. Monitor climate change and its effects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Sebastopol will support these goals through its own actions and through collaboration with other local governments through the efforts of the Regional Climate Protection Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Sebastopol intends to implement its local measures from the Climate Action 2020 planning project.

IN COUNCIL DULY APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of December, 2017.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City of Sebastopol City Council by the following vote:

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Carnacchi, Glass, Gurney, Vice Mayor Hinton and Mayor Slayter

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

APPROVED: _____


Mayor Patrick Slayter

ATTEST: _____


Mary Gourley, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, MMC