

RESOLUTION NO. 4712

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE BEAVERTON CLIMATE ACTION TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, world leaders from 175 countries recognized the threat of climate change and the urgent need to combat it by signing the Paris Climate Accord in April 2016 to “pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C”; and

WHEREAS, the Fourth National Climate Assessment and the International Panel on Climate Change have documented rapidly changing climate conditions around the planet; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the Beaverton Climate Action Plan (BCAP) in November 2019 which affirmed the City’s commitment to mitigating Beaverton’s impact on global climate and adaptation to consequences of changing climate that are already underway; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that cities can be the practitioners and innovators of leading by example and scaling up practical solutions; and

WHEREAS, communities most vulnerable to climate impacts tend to be the least prepared to manage and recover; and

WHEREAS, community engagement is an essential component in achieving our climate action goals and will enhance the results of climate change strategies

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEAVERTON, OREGON:

1. The City Council establishes the Beaverton Climate Action Task Force (Task Force) as follows:
 - a. The Task Force shall act in an advisory capacity to the City Council and its duties shall include:
 - i. Enhance City Council awareness of community perspectives related to climate change issues
 - ii. Assist the City Council and the City in devising strategies to include climate action considerations whenever deliberating on decisions that may be impacted by climate change
 - iii. Provide feedback on the potential impact of proposed climate action-related policies, programs, and activities on specific communities and the community at large, which will be informed by listening to members of the community about issues involving climate action
 - iv. Serve as a resource for the City’s public engagement campaigns that promote and communicate climate action among the community
 - v. The Task Force shall report at least annually to the Mayor and City Council on its work.
 - vi. Prior to the end of the BCAP, the Task Force may make recommendations to the City Council about the structure and scope of community engagement when the BCAP is expected to be updated in 2024.
 - vii. Recommend to the City Council changes or additions to the Climate Action Plan that the committee deems valuable.
 - b. Members of the Task Force shall comprise of 13 members. The Mayor shall appoint, and the City Council shall confirm the members. The Mayor shall designate a council liaison to the task force.

c. The Task Force shall be in effect for the duration of the BCAP.

Adopted by the Council this _____ day of, _____ 2021.

Approved by the Mayor this _____ day of, _____ 2021.

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Catherine Jansen, City Recorder

Lacey Beaty, Mayor