

RESOLUTION NO. 16-64

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whitefish, Montana, establishing the Whitefish Climate Action Plan Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Whitefish, Montana, as follows:

Section 1: There is hereby established the Whitefish Climate Action Plan Committee (the "Committee").

Section 2: Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the City Council. Appointments shall be made by a simple majority of the City Council in attendance at a special or regular session. Committee members shall receive no compensation.

Section 3: The general purpose of the Committee will be to work with City Staff, including Energy Corps member Rachel Sussman, and the Climate Smart Glacier Country partnership to evaluate the City's energy use and propose specific projects, benchmarks and other recommendations to conserve energy in the City. The Committee may also propose actions to enhance community resilience and prepare for the effects of climate change.

Section 4: The Committee will consist of seven (7) individuals with representation as follows: up to two (2) City Councilors; and five (5) or six (6) individuals who are either City residents or who have technical expertise in the areas of energy use, energy conservation, and/or climate change. The Committee members shall select a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson from the members of the Committee. The Committee shall appoint one member as Secretary of the Committee, who shall keep minutes of all meetings and submit them to the City Clerk. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The Committee shall meet as often as necessary to accomplish its general purpose, as described above, but not less than once a month. The Committee shall cease to exist as provided in Section 5.

Section 5: The Committee will begin its deliberations as soon as practical after its creation. The Committee shall meet with the goals of having a draft Climate Action Plan available for public review and comment by June of 2017 and a final Climate Action Plan and recommendation ready to present to the City Council in August or September of 2017. The Committee shall be disbanded as of the date the City Council passes a resolution adopting the Climate Action Plan.

Section 6: A member of the Committee may be removed by the City Council, after a hearing for misconduct or nonperformance of duty. Absences from three (3) consecutive meetings, including regular and special work sessions, or absences from more than fifty percent (50%) of such meetings held during the calendar year shall constitute grounds for removal. The circumstances of the absences shall be considered by the City Council prior to removal. Any person who knows in advance of his or her inability to attend a specific meeting shall notify the Chairperson of the Committee at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to any scheduled meeting.

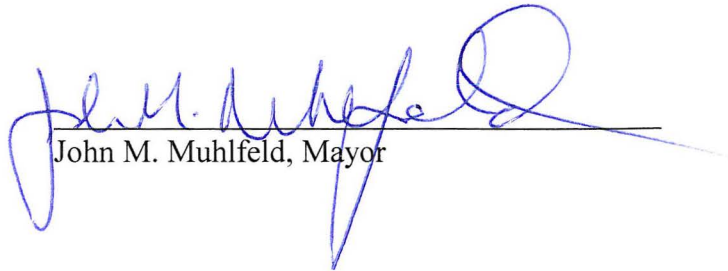
Section 7: Any vacancy occurring on the Committee will be filled in the same manner that the initial position was filled.

Section 8: The Committee will not have authority to make any expenditure on behalf of the City or disburse any funds provided by the City or to obligate the City for any funds.


Section 9: The Committee will have no authority to direct City staff with respect to any matter, but may request information and assistance from City staff.

Section 10: This Resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and signing by the Mayor thereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEFISH, MONTANA, ON THIS 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016.


John M. Muhlfeld, Mayor

ATTEST:


Michelle Howke, City Clerk