

Legislation Text

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Sustainable and Resilient Charlotte by 2050 Resolution

Action:

Adopt a non-binding Sustainable and Resilient Charlotte by 2050 Resolution.

Committee Chair:

Dimple Ajmera, Environment

Staff Resource(s):

Kim Eagle, City Manager's Office
Rob Phocas, Economic Development

Explanation

- In November 2017, City Council considered a Clean Energy Resolution for adoption.
- City Council did not adopt the resolution and sent it to the Environment Committee with a charge to:
 - Draft a resolution appropriate and tailored for Charlotte, and
 - Develop an action plan for how the goal(s) would be achieved.
- Staff worked with the Environment Committee, Envision Charlotte, and community stakeholders to meet this charge.
- Staff presented a first draft of the resolution to the Environment Committee during the April 2018 Committee meeting.
- Staff presented a revised second draft of the resolution to the Environment Committee during the June 2018 Committee meeting.
- The Sustainable and Resilient Charlotte by 2050 Resolution, is a non-binding resolution in which the City of Charlotte resolves to:
 - Strive to become a low carbon city by 2050 and develop a Strategic Energy Action Plan to be presented to City Council,
 - Continue the work currently under way to advance short term goals for reductions in energy consumption in City operations as a first step on the path towards a low carbon future, and
 - Strive to source 100 percent of energy use in City buildings and fleet from zero carbon sources by 2030.
- Municipalities have adopted similar resolutions across the United States.
- The Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019 Environment Focus Area Plan commits the City of Charlotte to "become a global leader in environmental sustainability, balancing economic growth with preserving natural resources."

Committee Discussion

- On June 4, 2018, the Environment Committee voted 4-1 (Ajmera, Egleston, Newton, Winston voted yes; Phipps voted no) on a motion to recommend that full Council adopt the resolution (with a few edits agreed upon during the meeting). Committee Chair Ajmera referred the resolution with no objection to full City Council.
- During the June 11, 2018, Action Review Meeting, a presentation and discussion about the resolution occurred. Through consultation with Environment Committee members, staff proposed one technical edit to the language of the final clause of the resolution: to remove the phrase

“including renewable and nuclear energy.” This technical change appears in the final resolution.

Attachment(s)

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