

	<p><b>Agenda Item: Resolution</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> RESOLUTION 2020-14, RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE INTENT OF THE GOVERNING BODY TO PURSUE A NET ZERO, CARBON NEUTRAL FUTURE FOR THE CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING</p>
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**Possible Motions:**

- A) *Abstain from Moving the Resolution (Failure to Introduce)*
  
- B) *Move to Approve Resolution 2020-14, establishing the intent of the Governing Body to pursue a net zero, carbon neutral future for the City of Laramie, Wyoming, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign.*

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**Administrative and/or Policy Goal:**

- A. Strategic, coordinated planning between Elected Officials, Management & Staff to ensure the public policy objectives of the Governing Body are accomplished.
  
- B. **2020 City Adopted Goal: Environmental Stewardship**
  - Milestone #4 – Continue Renewable Energy Installations and/or Efficiencies at City Facilities and Properties.*
  - Milestone #5 – Consider Expansion of Recycling Services & Explore Value-Added Partnership Opportunities.*

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**Background:**

**WORK SESSION / HISTORY:**

A student project at the Haub School Campus Sustainability course in the Spring of 2019 worked to establish an emissions calculator for municipal operations. Subsequently, an intern, funded by the Haub School, completed the emissions calculator tool and presented the results in a public work session of City Council on August 27, 2019. In addition, the citizen group the Alliance for Renewable Energy (ARE) requested the City consider development of an emission reduction targets for municipal operations in the Fall of 2019.

The aforementioned data was referred to the City-County Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC), with a request that they provide recommendations for how best to move the issue forward to the City Council and City Manager to coincide with the City’s annual strategic and budgeting process. EAC presented their recommendation in a public work session on February 25, 2020 (refer to Attachment #1).

**RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION - NEW INFORMATION &/or DISCUSSION:**

The resolution before Council this evening will allow the governing body to formalize its direction with respect to the EAC recommendations in tandem with the already adopted **Environmental Stewardship Milestone Goals # 4 & 5** set forth for calendar year 2020.

The Resolution for consideration allows City Council to formalize its intent, if any, to pursue reduction of emission of greenhouse gases (GHGe) resulting from municipal government operations and other activity in the broader community.

Resolution 2020 - 14, as drafted, reflects the Staff recommendation. It would break the recommendation of the EAC into three general categories for purposes of work flow planning and budgeting:

- 1) Near-term Activities in Fiscal Biennium 2021 - 22
  - Specific, focused modifications of municipal government operations and facilities designed to contribute incrementally toward a net-zero emissions goal. (*§2 of EAC Recommendations*) through immediate implementation.
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- 2) Mid-term Activities for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023
  - Quantitative data collection, analysis, and planning to move beyond municipal operations and toward a community-wide emissions inventory and reduction strategy; establishment of community-wide reduction goals as a matter of public policy; implementation of community outreach, education, and training program; securing financial resources for expansion beyond municipal operations and into community-wide net zero efforts. (*§1 of EAC Recommendations*)
- 3) Long-term Activities through 2050
  - Adoption and implementation of a comprehensive community driven plan adopted by the governing body to guide activities toward achieving the established reduction goals. (*§1 of EAC Recommendations*)

If Council adopts the resolution as written, Staff will integrate key objectives for the upcoming fiscal biennium into the work and budgetary plans for the City and Council can expect to review more specifics of these planned activities during budget work session in April – June 2020.

Council may modify the Staff recommendation by amending the resolution, either in whole by substitution, or in part.

**Responsible Staff:**

Janine Jordan, City Manager

**Attachment(s):**

- 1) EAC Recommendation – *from 2-25-2020 work session*