



COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 4893

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The City Council of the City of Eugene finds that:

A. On February 28, 2000 the City Council adopted Resolution No. 4618 adopting a definition and statement of intent regarding the application of sustainability principles to the City of Eugene, and affirmed the commitment of City elected officials and staff to uphold these principles.

B. In furtherance of that commitment, a Sustainable Buildings Policy for Buildings Owned and Occupied by the City was adopted by Council Resolution No. 4884 on July 10, 2006, and paragraph 5 of the Policy was subsequently amended by Council Resolution No. 4887 on August 14, 2006.

C. In early 2005 the Mayor's Sustainable Business Initiative (SBI) was formed, and with the adoption of the FY06 budget the City Council approved the expenditure of funds to support the work of this initiative. In addition to the monthly meetings held by the SBI Task Force between June 2005 and July 2006, an advisory committee of almost 50 persons was created to provide feedback and comments on the recommendations of the task force.

D. Based on the information gathered from the work of the task force, town hall meetings, roundtable meetings, and a community survey, the SBI Task Force developed a set of recommendations for retaining, growing, and creating sustainable businesses and jobs in the City of Eugene.

E. Section B of the SBI Task Force's Report and Recommendations to the Eugene City Council and Community of Eugene contains 11 Recommendations to the City of Eugene Government for Achieving the Vision.

F. The City Council finds it would be in the public interest and consistent with adopted City policy to adopt Recommendation 1 at this time and schedule further discussions of the other 10 recommendations contained in Section B of the SBI Task Force Report.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EUGENE, a Municipal Corporation of the State of Oregon, as follows:

Section 1. Based on the above findings, which are hereby adopted, the City Council hereby approves and adopts Recommendation 1 of Section B of the SBI Task Force Report and Recommendation to the Eugene City Council and Community of Eugene. The City Council recognizes that it influences every aspect of business and job development through its purchasing power, planning, permitting and development policies, incentives, tax policies and role modeling. The City Council commits to act as a role model for the community and to assist in the development of the market for sustainable products and services. To achieve these goals the City Council will make it a priority to use sustainable practices and sustainable products and services in its operation and facilities. The City Council also commits to assist private and non-profit sectors of the community in educational efforts concerning the use of sustainable practices and sustainable products and services. Further, the City Council will cooperate with other public agencies to promote sustainable practices and the use of sustainable products and services to achieve the long term outcomes in the report prepared by the Sustainable Business Initiative Task Force Report as accepted by the City Council on October 23, 2006. It is intended that this declaration by the City will spur the adoption of sustainable practices and the growth of sustainable industries within the private and non-profit sectors of the community. This public commitment also makes it clear to City employees and other public agencies that incorporating sustainability into planning, policy, permitting, and all forms of decision-making is a priority of the City.

Section 2. As part of Recommendation 1, the SBI Task Force recommended that the City reinforce its commitment and declaration with concrete action on the other 10 recommendations in the Report. As previously noted, the Council intends to schedule further discussions on the remaining recommendations prior to their implementation.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution adopted the 13th day of November, 2006.



City Recorder