

RESOLUTION NO. 59-2007

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON ENDORSING THE U.S. MAYORS CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO JOIN THE CITIES FOR CLIMATE PROTECTION CAMPAIGN.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Conference of Mayors has adopted a Climate Protection Agreement which urges the federal government and state governments to enact policies and programs to meet or beat the target of reducing global warming pollution levels to seven per cent below 1990 levels by 2012; and

WHEREAS, the City of Milwaukie is in step with the U.S. Conference of Mayors and wishes to applaud and endorse the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement as amended by the 73rd annual U.S Conference of Mayors Meeting, and urges the U.S. Conference of Mayors to continue work on this important issue; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Lake Oswego and Oregon City have endorsed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, and Lake Oswego has started the emissions inventory process; and

WHEREAS, the City of Milwaukie would like to join with other communities in the Portland area, Oregon and throughout the Pacific Northwest in taking actions to adopt sustainable practices, reduce global warming emissions, measure the City's carbon footprint and develop strategies to change business practices and reduce the City's contribution of greenhouse gases to the environment; and

WHEREAS, by endorsing and following the direction of the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, the City is adopting a policy direction that has an immediate opportunity to change how it operates and makes decisions about how to do its work that is based on sustainability principles; and

WHEREAS, the City is eligible for no-cost technical assistance to aid in the preparation of a carbon emissions reductions program through the Conference of Mayors program; and

WHEREAS, the City Sustainability Team, already convened to pursue sustainable strategies that address reducing global warming pollutants, is considering the following potential goals for a sustainable Milwaukie:

- Continuously reduce the environmental impacts of the City's operations, facilities and services;
- Better evaluate and integrate long-term economic, environmental, and social costs and benefits into City plans, actions and expenditures;
- Accelerate behavioral change to a more sustainable practices by Milwaukie businesses, institutions, households and citizens; and

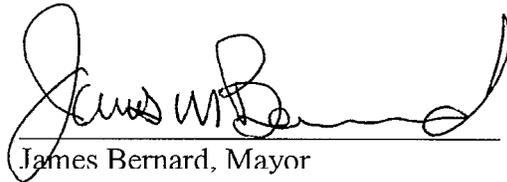
WHEREAS, the City of Milwaukie and its citizens will benefit from participation in the Cities Climate Protection campaign (CCP) by reducing global warming pollution, reducing traffic, saving tax dollars, cleaning the air and improving the quality of life in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Milwaukie endorses the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, and that the City will continue to pursue the policies and actions outlined in the Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the City Manager to take the necessary action to join the Cities for Climate Protection campaign, in order to pursue assistance in continuing to implement a local program.

Introduced and adopted by the City Council on September 18, 2007.

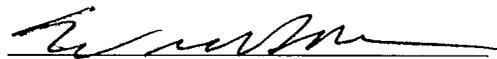
This resolution is effective on September 18, 2007.


James Bernard, Mayor

ATTEST:


Pat DuVal, City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Ramis, Crew & Corrigan, LLP


City Attorney