



City Council Staff Report

DATE: June 21, 2017

CONSENT CALENDAR

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS' COMMITMENT TO MEET OR EXCEED GOALS ESTABLISHED IN THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT

FROM: David H. Ready, City Manager

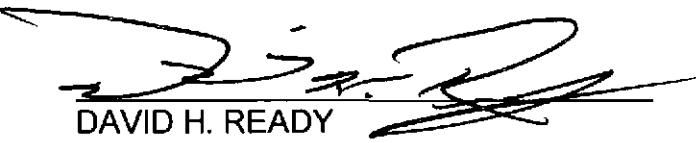
BY: Office of the City Manager

SUMMARY

At the City Council meeting of June 7, 2017, Councilmember Geoff Kors requested Staff place an item on the next Council agenda to consider support for the Paris Climate Agreement. A copy of Councilmember Kors' draft resolution is attached.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Discuss and direct staff as appropriate.



DAVID H. READY
City Manager

Attachments:

1. Resolution

ITEM NO. 1.N.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, AFFIRMING THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS' COMMITMENT TO MEET OR EXCEED GOALS ESTABLISHED IN THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, City of Palm Springs wishes to join forces with other cities, states, mayors, governors, college and university leaders, businesses and investors for the first time to declare that the City of Palm Springs will continue to support climate action to meet the Paris Agreement; and

WHEREAS, In December 2015 in Paris, world leaders signed the first global commitment to fight climate change. The landmark agreement succeeded where past attempts failed because it allowed each country to set its own emission reduction targets and adopt its own strategies for reaching them. In addition, nations – inspired by the actions of local and regional governments, along with businesses – came to recognize that fighting climate change brings significant economic and public health benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration's announcement undermines a key pillar in the fight against climate change and damages the world's ability to avoid the most dangerous and costly effects of climate change. Importantly, it is also out of step with what is happening in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, it is local and state governments, along with businesses, that are primarily responsible for the dramatic decrease in greenhouse gas emissions in recent years. Actions by each group will multiply and accelerate in the years ahead, no matter what policies Washington may adopt; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of leadership from Washington, states, cities, colleges and universities, businesses and investors, representing a sizeable percentage of the U.S. economy will pursue ambitious climate goals, working together to take forceful action and to ensure that the U.S. remains a global leader in reducing emissions. It is imperative that the world know that in the United States, the actors that will provide the leadership necessary to meet our Paris commitment are found in city halls, state capitals, colleges and universities, investors and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL DETERMINES, RESOLVES AND APPROVES AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) That the City of Palm Springs will continue to support climate action to meet the Paris Climate Agreement; and
- 2) That the City of Palm Springs will remain actively engaged with the international community as part of the global effort to hold warming well below 2°C and to accelerate the transition to a clean energy economy that will benefit our security, prosperity, and health.

Adopted this 21st day of June, 2017.

CITY OF PALM SPRINGS

David H. Ready
City Manager

ATTEST:

Kathleen D. Hart, MMC
Interim City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss.
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS)

I, KATHLEEN D. HART, Interim City Clerk of the City of Palm Springs, hereby certify that Resolution No. _____ is a full, true and correct copy, and was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Palm Springs on June 21, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Kathleen D. Hart, Interim City Clerk
City of Palm Springs, California