

Resolution No. _____

Resolution offered by Alderman Dunn.

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Davenport.

RESOLUTION supporting actions, strategies and programs that promote energy, environmental and climate change sustainability and resiliency.

WHEREAS, the US has rejoined the Paris Climate Agreement and the Biden Administration has established climate and environmental resilience as essential elements of: 1) National security; 2) The US economy; 3) missions of all agencies in the Federal government; 4) Climate-smart agricultural practices; 5) improving public health and safety; and 6) creating equity for disadvantaged, vulnerable, and marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, several cities in Iowa, as well as the Davenport Community School District, have formal policies, plans, and actions in place for conserving energy and water, decreasing air pollution and releases of greenhouse gases, and other actions for mitigating adverse climate and environmental impacts on residents, businesses, and vulnerable communities, while reducing operational and capital improvement costs associated with energy use and responding to extreme weather events; and

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa, Scott County, the Quad Cities region, and the City of Davenport are impacted directly by changes in climate, including non-normal variations in temperature; more frequent and higher levels of flooding along rivers and in watersheds; increased drought, soil erosion, plant diseases, and water and air pollution; and associated health, economic, and societal damages; and

WHEREAS, the City of Davenport has already recognized the importance of energy and environmental conservation by taking action to reduce energy use and by responding to climate-related disasters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Davenport acknowledges that energy and resource conservation and climate adaptation and resilience will create short-term and long-term cost savings and improve the quality of life of City residents and businesses, and is accordingly an intrinsic part of City government; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council shall continue to incorporate environmental resource conservation and protection and climate effect mitigation into City plans, actions, and the City Administrator's work plan and operational and CIP budgets; continue collecting energy and resource use data; and set fiscally viable and sustainable goals to address and mitigate the causes and effects of climate change and environmental degradation; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council also commits to continue supporting actions, strategies, and programs that lower the emission of greenhouse gases and reduce the impact of city operations and infrastructure on the environment and air and water quality across departments, including but not limited to fleet management, facility management, purchasing, and stormwater and floodplain management; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council supports staff more effectively competing for grants and funding from governmental and non-governmental entities for environmental conservation and climate change resilience and supports adaptation actions that are in line with the above mentioned actions as they meet individual department objectives with a formal policy supporting operational and capital improvement plans and actions and making such actions an integral and acknowledged part of good governance and use of taxpayer funds; and be it

FINALLY RESOLVED that the Council supports staff continuing to partner and collaborate with local, regional, and state agencies, non-governmental and non-profit organizations, businesses and business organizations, and other relevant entities to share information, ideas, and processes; to explore grants and other financial programs for supporting this effort; and continue to work towards improved climate and environmental resilience. City staff shall make efforts to apply for grants in line with these goals as they meet individual department objectives.

Passed and approved this 14th day of April, 2021.

Approved:

Attest:

Mike Matson
Mayor

Brian Krup
Deputy City Clerk