

**MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA REPORT****TO: Honorable City Council****FROM: Barry K. Hogan, Community Development Director**  
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**DATE: May 18, 2006 (CC Meeting of 6/7/2006)****SUBJECT: Consider Resolution Supporting the United States Mayors Climate Protection Agreement****BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

On September 21, 2005, Councilmember Mikos requested a future agenda item to discuss the global warming issue and to consider the City participating in the United States Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. Under the Agreement, participating cities commit to take following three (3) actions:

- Strive to meet or beat the Kyoto Protocol targets in their own communities, through actions ranging from anti-sprawl land-use policies to urban forest restoration projects and public information campaigns;
- Urge their state governments and the federal government to enact policies and programs to meet or beat the greenhouse gas emission reduction target suggested for the United States in the Kyoto Protocol; and
- Urge the United States Congress to pass the bipartisan Climate Stewardship Act, which would establish a national emission trading system.

On May 3, 2006, City Council directed staff to prepare a Resolution supporting the *United States Mayors Climate Protection Agreement*.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt Resolution No. 2006-\_\_\_\_ supporting the United States Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.

Attachments:

Draft City Council Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2006 - \_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
MOORPARK, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES  
MAYORS CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2005, the Kyoto Protocol, an international agreement to address climate disruption, went into effect in the 141 countries that have ratified it to date; 38 of those countries are now legally required to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on average 5.2 percent below 1990 levels by 2012; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments throughout the United States are adopting emission reduction targets and programs; and

WHEREAS, many cities throughout the nation, both large and small, are reducing global warming pollutants through programs that provide economic and quality of life benefits such as reduced energy bills, green space preservation, air quality improvements, reduced traffic congestion, improved transportation choices, and economic development and job creation through energy conservation and new energy technologies; and

WHEREAS, mayors from around the nation have signed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement which, as amended at the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting, reads:

The U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement

- A. We urge the federal government and state governments to enact policies and programs to meet or beat the target of reducing global warming pollution levels to 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012, including efforts to: reduce the United States' dependence on fossil fuels and accelerate the development of clean, economical energy resources and fuel-efficient technologies such as conservation, methane recovery for energy generation, waste to energy, wind and solar energy, fuel cells, efficient motor vehicles, and biofuels;
- B. We urge the U.S. Congress to pass bipartisan greenhouse gas reduction legislation that includes: 1) clear timetables and emissions limits; and 2) a flexible, market-based system of tradable allowances among emitting Industries; and
- C. We will strive to meet or exceed Kyoto Protocol targets for reducing global warming pollution by taking actions in our own operations and communities such as:
  1. Inventory global warming emissions in City operations and in the community, set reduction targets and create an action plan.

2. Adopt and enforce land-use policies that reduce sprawl, preserve open space, and create compact, walkable urban communities;
3. Promote transportation options such as bicycle trails, commute trip reduction programs, incentives for car pooling and public transit;
4. Increase the use of clean, alternative energy by, for example, investing in "green tags", advocating for the development of renewable energy resources, recovering landfill methane for energy production, and supporting the use of waste to energy technology;
5. Make energy efficiency a priority through building code improvements, retrofitting city facilities with energy efficient lighting and urging employees to conserve energy and save money;
6. Purchase only Energy Star equipment and appliances for City use;
7. Practice and promote sustainable building practices using the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED program or a similar system;
8. Increase the average fuel efficiency of municipal fleet vehicles; reduce the number of vehicles; launch an employee education program including anti-idling messages; convert diesel vehicles to bio-diesel;
9. Evaluate opportunities to increase pump efficiency in water and wastewater systems; recover wastewater treatment methane for energy production;
10. Increase recycling rates in City operations and in the community;
11. Maintain healthy urban forests; promote tree planting to increase shading and to absorb CO<sub>2</sub>; and
12. Help educate the public, schools, other jurisdictions, professional associations, business and industry about reducing global warming pollution.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOORPARK DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: CITY COUNCIL ACTION: The City Council hereby supports the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.

SECTION 2: CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION: The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and shall cause a certified resolution to be filed in the book of original resolutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2006.

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Patrick Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deborah S. Traffenstedt, City Clerk