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At the Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh, New York held April 21, 2022, the following was approved:

7.82 APPROVAL TO CREATE THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH CLIMATE TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, by Resolution dated April 24, 2019, the City of Plattsburgh Common Council (“Common Council”) adopted a Climate Smart Community Pledge which recognized the threat of climate change to our City operations, citizens; and the planet, and

WHEREAS, the city subsequently appointed a Coordinator and Task Force in 2019 which filed a number of actions; and

WHEREAS, during COVID 19, the task force efforts were suspended, and thus no longer conformed to the requirements set forth by the Climate Smart Community guidelines; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Climate Smart Community Pledge, the NYS DEC requires the reestablishment of a task force and the appointment of a new coordinator to renew and implement the City’s Pledge; and

WHEREAS the City of Plattsburgh is dedicated to achieving a Climate Smart Communities (CSC) certification and in 2021 endeavored to also accomplish Clean Energy Community (CEC) certification requirements; and

WHEREAS one of the mandatory actions to be certified is to appoint a Climate Smart Community Task Force and Coordinator; and

WHEREAS the establishment of the City of Plattsburgh Climate Task Force (“the Task Force”) will serve as a centralized board of leadership that promotes and supports climate mitigation and adaptation in the City of Plattsburgh and in the community; and

WHEREAS the role of the Task Force is to assess the feasibility and/or status of action items in the certification program and to act as an advisory board that collaborates with the Mayor’s office to accomplish plans, programs, and activities that are part of the CSC and CEC certification programs; and

WHEREAS the Task Force will comply with the New York State Open Meetings Law; and

WHEREAS any recommendation made by the Task Force will be made in close consultation and in partnership with the Mayor's office and may require Common Council approval; therefore

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, this City of Plattsburgh Climate Task Force is intended to work to fulfill the goals of the NYS Climate Smart Community and Clean Energy Community program certification requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the this resolution wholly dissolves the resolution titled "FORMATION OF PLATTSBURGH SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE" approved by Common Council on May 23rd 2019 and certified on July 3rd, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Task Force automatically needs to be reapproved every two years after the approval of this resolution lest it automatically dissolves, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Task Force will contain no more than 13 Community Stakeholders (members) who shall serve for two year terms, for a maximum of two terms in the event the Task Force is re-established by Common Council resolution, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Task Force shall contain two Council members (Liaisons) appointed at passage of this resolution and either reappointed or new liaisons appointed at the annual Organizational Meeting of the Common Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Task Force shall establish and adopt their own operational rules of order at their initial meeting, consistent with the terms of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Task Force members are required to be City of Plattsburgh residents and will be nominated for appointment by the Mayor and approved by Common Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Mayor nominates the following initial members, who are hereby appointed to the Task Force by the Common Council:

Initial Members of Task Force for Two Year Terms:

Rachelle Armstrong, Ward 1
City Councilor, Ward , retired, Community Stakeholder, Task Force Coordinator

Councilor Elizabeth Gibbs
City Councilor Ward 6, Task Force Liaison

Councilor Jennifer Tallon
City Councilor Ward 4, Task Force Liaison

Community Stakeholders

Jacob Avery, Ward 2
Assistant Director of the Center for Student Involvement, SUNY Plattsburgh

Tom Cosgro, Ward 5
Environmental Engineer, Liaison to the Planning Board

Dr. Curt Gervich, Ward 6
Associate Professor in the Center for Earth and Environmental Science

Susan Kelly, Ward 4
Founder, STOP Domestic Violence, Women's League of Voters Environmental Committee

Dr. Susan Levaque, Ward 5
PHS Social Studies Teacher, Liaison to Plattsburgh City School District

Kristine Lutters, Ward 1
PCSD Child Advocate, Retired.

Loretta Rietsema, Ward 5
Mary DeVeau Women's Sober Living House and Director at Coast Guard Foundation

Max Shaefer, Ward 4
PHS Green Team President

Emma Stewart
SUNY Plattsburgh Environmental Science Student

Diana Wardell
NYS Trooper, Retired, League of Women's Voter Co-President


Roll Call: Councilors Kelly, Gibbs, Tallon, Bopp, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

Absent: Councilor Canales

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY

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I, Sylvia Parrotte, City Clerk of the City of Plattsburgh, do hereby certify that the preceding resolution was adopted at the Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh held on April 21, 2022, and is incorporated in the original minutes of said meeting, and that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.


Sylvia Parrotte, City Clerk