

RESOLUTION NO. 2261

A RESOLUTION OF THE WILSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE FOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT TO PREPARE AN ACTION PLAN FOR SMART GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY.

WHEREAS, smart growth and sustainability require consideration of the short and long term impacts of our actions on the environment, the economy and on society; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilsonville has a history of commitment to stewardship, prosperity, and efficiency in its internal practices, land use planning and community-wide initiatives; and

WHEREAS, significant opportunities exist to build on current community efforts and to foster collaborative city-wide efforts to integrate environmental, economic and social sustainability into the full range of municipal operations and services and into the daily practices of the citizenry and business community; and

WHEREAS, the state of Oregon, Executive Order 06-02 (Sustainability for the 21st Century) encourages local governments to develop sustainable practices; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon's 2007 greenhouse gas reduction targets (established in House Bill 3543) call for arresting the growth of greenhouse gas emissions by 2010, reducing emissions to at least 10 percent below 1990 levels by 2020 and reducing emissions to at least 75 percent below 1990 levels by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the Wilsonville City Council has adopted a goal of enhancing livability and safety in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Wilsonville City Council also adopted a goal of engaging the community in smart growth and sustainability concepts; and

WHEREAS, public awareness through education and personal responsibility and participation from the entire community are essential for creating and maintaining a livable and sustainable Wilsonville; and

WHEREAS, in January, 2010, the Mayor, elected officials, members of the Committee for Citizen Involvement, and city staff attended the New Partners for Smart Growth Conference in Seattle, Washington, with the goal of increasing awareness and gathering information pertaining to current sustainability programs and practices being implemented throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, a series of events have been hosted by the CCI to engage the community in a dialog about smart growth and sustainability, including:

* In January, 2010, an energy efficiency workshop aimed at engaging the community in energy saving techniques and alternative energy was provided in partnership with several industry professionals; and

* In March, 2010, the Committee for Citizen Involvement facilitated a *Smart Growth Forum* at Wilsonville City Hall, presented concepts of smart growth and sustainability practices and encouraged citizen input; and

* In April, 2010, approximately 300 citizens attended a *Keeping it Local Fair* showcasing local businesses, nurseries and farmers and educating the public on the benefits of buying local; and

* In May, 2010, community leaders, business owners and citizens of all ages participated in an interactive discussion on what it means to 'live well' in Wilsonville at the *Livability Project Forum*; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilsonville is committed to lead by example in the fields of smart growth, sustainability and community livability.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Committee for Citizen Involvement will develop a community-based smart growth and sustainability action plan for consideration by the City Council, which includes a vision, goals, actions, measurable outcomes and implementation timeline.
 - a. The Committee for Citizen Involvement will function as the steering committee for the development of the smart growth and sustainability action plan;
 - b. The smart growth and sustainability action plan will be developed through a process of continuing to engage the community in the understanding of smart growth and sustainability concepts;
 - c. The smart growth and sustainability action plan will focus on the core areas prioritized by the public through past community outreach efforts, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - health and wellness;
 - connectivity;
 - environmental preservation;

- communication;
- development; and
- internal City operations.

d. The Committee for Citizen Involvement will report annually to the City Council on the progress and implementation of the smart growth and sustainability action plan.

2. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Wilsonville City Council at a regular meeting thereof this 6th day of December 2010, and filed with the Wilsonville City Recorder this date.


TIM KNAPP, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Sandra C. King, MMC, City Recorder

SUMMARY of votes:

Mayor Knapp - Yes

Councilor Kirk - Yes

Councilor Núñez - Excused

Councilor Hurst - Yes

Councilor Goddard - Yes

City of Wilsonville

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Date: November 30, 2010

To: Mayor Knapp and City Council

From: Stephan A. Lashbrook, Assistant Community Development Director

Subject: Resolution 2261, "A RESOLUTION OF THE WILSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE FOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT TO PREPARE AN ACTION PLAN FOR SMART GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY"

Included in the packet for your December 6 meeting is a proposed Resolution recommended by the City's Committee for Citizen Involvement (CCI). As you know, the CCI has spent the last year on implementation of City Council Goal 2 – "*Engage the community in smart growth and sustainability concepts.*" In June 2010, the CCI presented their findings and recommendations to Council for the upcoming fiscal year and requested that Council support their drafting a sustainability resolution.

The CCI spent several meetings sharing their views about sustainability and how a resolution could serve to enhance the community of Wilsonville. They looked at other cities and discussed the possibilities and potential limitations. Not surprisingly, some members of the Committee felt that the initial drafts of the Resolution would "go too far" in terms of recommended action, while others felt it would not go far enough. After considerable reworking, the proposed language was finally supported by a unanimous vote of the CCI.

CCI member (and Chamber of Commerce President) Ray Phelps also circulated copies of the draft Resolution to members of the Chamber Board of Directors. Mr. Phelps reported: "*the Chamber's Board of Directors supports the draft Resolution and is prepared to work with the City on its implementation.*"

The CCI is seeking the City Council's support for undertaking the preparation of a sustainability and smart growth action plan. The action plan will include a vision statement, goals, actions, measurable outcomes and implementation timeline, and will focus on the core areas prioritized by the public through past community outreach efforts. It is also expected to be informed by additional outreach efforts planned for the coming spring.

The CCI feels that the proposed planning process is the logical next step in engaging the community in a conversation about smart growth and sustainability. Starting with the input

already received over the last year, the scope of the action plan is expected to be determined by the public input received in the planning process.

The City's initial smart growth and sustainability public outreach program was aided by an AmeriCorps volunteer (Kelsey Walsh) who completed her year of service and has now returned to graduate school. Unfortunately, the federal government did not continue funding for the local AmeriCorps program for the current fiscal year, so we have fewer staff resources to undertake additional outreach and preparation of an action plan.

In order to help fill that gap, the staff and CCI have contacted Portland State University about the prospect of receiving student assistance. PSU's Master's program in urban and regional planning (MURP) requires students to complete meaningful planning projects that have public benefit. Past projects through this program have won awards and received national recognition from the American Planning Association. We have solicited a small group of students to work with us next spring and summer through this program. We will find out in January if we have students who are willing and able to assist.

While the assistance of a capable team of graduate students would be a definite asset, the CCI and staff are prepared to move the planning process forward with or without a commitment from PSU's MURP program.

Recommendation:

The staff recommends that the City Council accept the recommendation of the Committee for Citizen Involvement and adopt Resolution 2261.