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December 8, 2020

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the 2021 Office of Sustainability Work Plan. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Sustainable City Commission Ordinance (Ordinance) was adopted by a unanimous vote of the City Council on May 15, 2007. The Ordinance established the Sustainable City Commission (Commission), requiring that, "Each year the Commission shall prepare a work program outlining the focus for the Commission for review and approval by the City Council."

The attached 2021 Office of Sustainability Work Plan (Work Plan) was unanimously approved by the Commission on September 24, 2020, and in accordance with the Ordinance, is being submitted for City Council review and approval. The Work Plan includes multiple actions to be taken during the 2021 calendar year. These actions are consistent with the Commission's seven focus areas included in the Sustainable City Action Plan of Buildings and Neighborhoods, Energy and Climate, Green Economy and Lifestyle, Transportation, Urban Nature, Waste Reduction, and Water. These focus areas provide a holistic approach to sustainability and will be used to guide the Office of Sustainability in its work.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Erin Weesner-McKinley and Budget Analysis Officer Julissa José-Murray on November 12, 2020.

SUSTAINABILITY

The Work Plan is intended to guide the Commission and City staff in creating green projects, programs and policies, and making recommendations to the City Council over the next year.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on December 8, 2020, to enable the Commission to move forward with new business at their monthly meetings.

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FISCAL IMPACT

This Work Plan is funded by a combination of grant funding, AB 32 Cap and Trade funding to support projects aimed at reducing gas emissions, and an interdepartmental Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for services. Sufficient budget to support the Work Plan is already appropriated. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T.B. Modica', written in a cursive style.

THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER

ATTACHMENT - Office of Sustainability 2021 Work Plan

2021 Workplan



Buildings &
Neighborhoods



Energy &
Climate



Urban
Nature



Green
Economy



Waste
Reduction



Water



Transportation

These actions, which are part of the Sustainable City Action Plan and supported by the Sustainable City Commission, identify the priorities for Office of Sustainability staff during the 2021 calendar year.

2021 Workplan

Program Management Projects

1. Residential Direct Install Program

Launch a residential direct install program to provide and install energy saving products and services at no cost for residents in disadvantaged communities.

Partner: Energy Resources

2. Green Business Recognition Program

Continue a free program to certify businesses through the California Green Businesses Network (CAGBN) and connect businesses with any resources and incentive programs available to help them go green.

Partners: Long Beach Water, Public Works-Environmental Services Bureau, Economic Development, Energy Resources, Development Services-Housing & Neighborhood Services Bureau

3. Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

Participate in the City's climate action and adaptation implementation process. Provide further support for monitoring and implementation by tracking and analyzing sustainability indicators. Support other departments in implementing CAAP measures as directed by the final plan. Partner with SCAG to deliver Urban Heat Island Plan for the Washington School Neighborhood.

Partner: Development Services—Planning Bureau

4. Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone Program

Administer the UAIZ program, conduct outreach, and provide matchmaking services to encourage adoption on vacant lots in Long Beach.

Partner: Development Services

5. Watershed and Urban Forestry Initiatives

Identify and implement multi-benefit stormwater quality improvements within targeted sub-watersheds along the Los Angeles River through the planting of street trees and other best management practices.

Partner: Public Works, Conservation Corps of Long Beach

6. EV Initiatives

Continue to monitor funding opportunities, as well as other opportunities to add EV charging infrastructure in Long Beach. Continue a program to distribute donated residential electric vehicle chargers to participating, qualified Long Beach residents. Partner with SCAG to develop a city-wide EV Infrastructure Plan.

Partner: Public Works, Fleet Services, SCAG

7. Energy Partnership Program

Continue the Partnership to increase energy efficiency at City facilities and earn cash incentives for future projects. Explore other energy and electrification opportunities.

Partners: Southern California Edison, SoCalREN, Public Works, Parks, Recreation & Marine, SMG—Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center

8. Sustainability Strategic Plan

Develop a strategic plan for sustainability to be executed by the Office of Sustainability in collaboration with other departments. Ensure sustainability is integrated into other strategic planning efforts for the city.

Partners: Water Department, Development Services - Planning Bureau, Public Works - Environmental Services Bureau, Energy Resources Department, and others

9. Implement Framework for Reconciliation

Continue participation in at-risk youth workforce program and explore opportunities to partner with other departments in equity initiatives to implement the framework.

Partner: Pacific Gateway, Office of Equity

2021 Workplan

Field Work Programs

1. Mulch Delivery and Pick-up

Continue the mulch delivery and pick-up programs that benefit residents and local organizations.

Partner: West Coast Arborists

2. Tree Planting

Continue parkway tree plantings upon request and fruit tree plantings in front yards under the CAL FIRE Urban Forestry grant.

Partner: Public Works—Street Maintenance, Housing and Neighborhood Services Bureau

3. Compost Program

Form a partnership to establish a long term food-waste composting program to support the Growing Experience urban farm.

Partner: Environmental Services Bureau, The Growing Experience

4. Edible Demonstration Gardens

Decentralize the edible garden to locations volunteered by local organizations, donate produce to food banks, and teach regular garden workshops.

Partner: Food Finders, Long Beach Public Libraries

5. Willow Springs Park Support and Native Plant Nursery

Support park activation and maintenance with community programs and continue to develop the Native Plant Nursery, support local polinator populations and develop public art opportunities.

Partners: Parks, Recreation & Marine, Conservation Corps of Long Beach

Special Event - Ranchos Walk

Support the planning and execution of the Ranchos Walk in partnership with the Health Department, Public Works, and Walk Long Beach

Sustainable City Commission Meetings

9 meetings will be held in 2021, with one each month except for April, August and November. The September meeting will be held as an offsite retreat.

Recurring Topics/Updates

Mobility and Healthy Living - Public Works
Transportation

Green Port Progress Update - Port of Long Beach

Water Conservation Update - LB Water

Sustainability/Resilience - CSULB and Aquarium

Green Fleet - Fleet Services

Green Transit Update - LB Transit

Waste Reduction Programs Update - Public Works
Environmental Services Bureau

Disaster Preparedness

Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

Additional Topics

SERRF plan for closure

CCA update - Energy Resources

Oil operations projections - Energy Resources

SCAP goals met by 2020 - staff report

Homelessness

Green Airport Plan update

Watersheds - staff update

Breakwater update

Green Jobs - Conservation Corps

Equity and Oil Tax spending



Long Beach Sustainability's Mission is to provide policies and programs that
Advance **environmental stewardship**,
Support **local sustainability practices**, &
Create a **more livable** and **resilient** Long Beach.

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