

RESOLUTION NO. 10333 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS
REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF AN ENERGY RESPONSE TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the safety of its citizens and the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of its operations have been and will always be among the highest priorities of the City of Great Falls; and

WHEREAS, the City of Great Falls has already engaged in efforts of varying depth to identify areas where efficiency, cost-effectiveness and diversification with regard to energy use could be improved and wishes to expand those efforts to other areas of its operations and to the consideration of alternative energy options; and

WHEREAS, the City of Great Falls has already made significant efforts to prepare for climate-related emergencies and wishes to ensure that these efforts are current, comprehensive, and broadly communicated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: There is hereby established the Great Falls Energy Response Task Force (the "Task Force"), an ad hoc committee appointed by the City Commission. The general purpose of the Task Force shall be to evaluate the City's energy use and resiliency and to propose a plan to improve energy conservation and emergency preparedness for the effects of changing weather patterns on Great Falls. The plan will include a history of specific actions already taken by the City with regard to that dual purpose, propose future actions to be taken, and identify potential partnerships, resources, and opportunities to aid in implementation of the plan.

SECTION 2: Members of the Task Force shall be appointed by the City Commission through its established committee appointment procedures. Task Force members shall receive no compensation. Expectations for attendance and conduct of individual members and the Task Force as a whole shall be the same as those for members of other committees appointed by the City Commission.

SECTION 3: The Task Force will consist of five (5) individuals who are residents of the City of Great Falls, and up to two (2) members of the City Commission, who as *ex officio* members shall neither make motions nor cast votes.

SECTION 4: Pursuant to Montana's open meeting laws, all meetings of the Task Force shall be properly noticed at least 48 hours in advance of a meeting, include an agenda of topics/items to be discussed and allow for public comment on agenda items and for public comment that is within the jurisdiction of the Task Force, and appropriate Minutes of all meetings shall be kept and be available for inspection by the public.

SECTION 5: The Task Force members shall select a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and a Secretary from among its members. The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping all records of the Task Force and taking minutes of all meetings, and submitting them to the City Clerk. A

majority of the membership, not to include ex officio members, shall constitute a quorum. The Task Force shall meet as often as necessary to accomplish its general purpose, as described in Section 1, but not less than once a month.

SECTION 6: Members of the Task Force shall comply with the Code of Ethics set forth in Mont. Code Ann. § Title 2, Chapter 2, and the Official Code of the City of Great Falls (OCCGF) Title 2, Chapter 21.

SECTION 7: The Task Force shall meet with the goals of having a draft Action Plan available for public review and comment no later than April 30, 2021, and a final Action Plan and recommendation ready to present to the City Commission no later than July 21, 2021. The Task Force shall be disbanded and cease to exist as of the date the City Commission takes final action on the Action Plan.

SECTION 8: The City will apply as a host site to secure the services of an Energy Corps member to support the work of the Great Falls Energy Response Task Force.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, this 17th day of March, 2020.

Bob Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(SEAL OF CITY)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

Sara Sexe, City Attorney