

A RESOLUTION

establishing the Mayors Climate Protection Agreement Awards program.

WHEREAS, the City Council has recognized and supported the importance of environmental programs and practices that provide economic and quality of life benefits to include:

- On July 17, 2006, the City Council endorsed a modification of the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement by adopting Resolution No. 160-06A; and
- On February 4, 2008, through the Imagine Columbia's Future process, the City Council accepted the Final Vision Report whereby City of Columbia residents and businesses expressed a desire to conserve all the community's natural resources by working cooperatively to apply best planning practices, model energy efficiency, transition to renewable energy, and approach zero waste generation; and
- As a component of the City of Columbia, Missouri Strategic Plan, the City Council approved the initiative to: "Create an encouraging atmosphere for business opportunities based on environmental stewardship."; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia wishes to recognize businesses and organizations for their environmental stewardship, innovative best practices, pollution prevention and resource conservation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby establishes the Mayors Climate Protection Agreement (MCPA) Awards program to recognize businesses and organizations for their environmental stewardship, innovative best practices, pollution prevention and resource conservation. MCPA Awards shall be given out annually beginning in 2015.

SECTION 2. A business or organization may be nominated for an MCPA Award for recognition based on the following standards:

1. Environmental Stewardship
2. Innovative Best Practices
3. Pollution Prevention
4. Resource Conservation

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

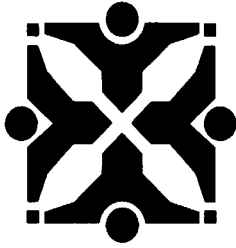
ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor



Source: City Manager

Agenda Item No:

To: **City Council**
From: **City Manager and Staff** 

Council Meeting Date: Apr 21, 2014

Re: Creating Mayors Climate Protection Agreement Awards program

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

A committee of City staff and community stakeholders have established the Mayors Climate Protection Agreement (MCPA) Awards. The MCPA Awards will recognize businesses and organizations for their environmental stewardship, innovative best practices, pollution prevention, and resource conservation. This resolution creates the program with the expected first annual MCPA Awards given in April 2015.

DISCUSSION:

"Columbia residents and businesses conserve all the community's natural resources, work cooperatively to apply best planning practices, model energy efficiency, transition to renewable energy, and approach zero waste generation." - Imagine Columbia's Future Environment Vision Statement

"Create an encouraging atmosphere for business opportunities based on environmental stewardship." - City of Columbia Strategic Plan, Economic Development initiative #2

As a result of statements like the ones above, a committee of City staff and community stakeholders have established the Mayors Climate Protection Agreement (MCPA) Awards. The name is based on the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement that Columbia signed in 2006 (R106-06A). The MCPA Awards will recognize businesses and organizations for their environmental stewardship, innovative best practices, pollution prevention, and resource conservation. Potential ideas awardees could be recognized for include:

Environmental Stewardship

- Facility has sustainable landscaping with native plants
- Facility has low amount of impervious surfaces and commitment to stormwater retention

Innovative Best Practices

- Renewable energy is produced on-site
- Facility has LEED certification and/or is Energy Star certified

Pollution Prevention

- Provides or subsidizes eco-friendly transportation for employees
- Measures carbon footprint and maintains a reduction plan

Resource Conservation

- Recycles water or energy from company operations
- Energy efficient lighting and appliances are installed

Businesses or organizations may nominate themselves or be nominated by a peer through an online application on the City's web site (application scheduled to go live September 2014). Nominations will be accepted September – December. The Steering Committee - made up of members of City staff, the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, the Environment and Energy Commission, and others - will review applications and make recommendations to the Office of Sustainability. Awards will be given at an annual reception in April 2015.

In addition to the MCPA Awards, businesses and/or organizations who have received nationally-recognized certification for environmental stewardship (i.e. LEED Certification, EPA's WasteWise award, ISO 14000, etc.) will be listed on the City of Columbia's Office of Sustainability web site.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no expected fiscal impact at this time.

VISION IMPACT:

<http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Meetings/visionimpact.php>

The MCPA awards will recognize and encourage Columbia residents and businesses to conserve the community's natural resources, work cooperatively to apply best planning practices, model energy efficiency, transition to renewable energy, and approach zero waste generation. (9 - Environment)

SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:

If Council agrees, adopt the resolution establishing the Mayors Climate Protection Agreement Awards program.

FISCAL and VISION NOTES:					
City Fiscal Impact Enter all that apply		Program Impact		Mandates	
City's current net FY cost	\$0.00	New Program/ Agency?	Yes	Federal or State mandated?	No
Amount of funds already appropriated	\$0.00	Duplicates/Expands an existing program?	No	Vision Implementation impact	
Amount of budget amendment needed	\$0.00	Fiscal Impact on any local political subdivision?	No	Enter all that apply: Refer to Web site	
Estimated 2 year net costs:		Resources Required		Vision Impact?	Yes
One Time	\$0.00	Requires add'l FTE Personnel?	No	Primary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	9.1
Operating/ Ongoing	\$0.00	Requires add'l facilities?	No	Secondary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	9.2
		Requires add'l capital equipment?	No	Fiscal year implementation Task #	