

Public Forum

10.18.16 City Council Meeting

Greetings Councilors; Jeff Sharpe, 557 Fordyce

I'm speaking to offer clarifications on the petitioners' intent for the questions staff to the ad hoc committee 10.15.16 concerning the 10x20 Ordinance.

I would like to suggest that for the sake of the possibility of Ordinance fulfillment, and to the benefit of that ad hoc committee's work on our city's Climate Energy Action Plan (CEAP), that the Mayor consider adding an agenda item for tonight, to discuss the benefits of clarifying council intent to accept the Ordinance as written and clarified by the petitioners, unless there is any serious objection to any of the points therein.

This proclamation will in no way obligate the city to any project or funding, beyond what is required internally to publish RFPs and gather meaningful information on real options, and their impacts on Utility-costs, GHG emission reduction, Energy Security, and In-City social-equity and community-development issues.

Petitioner Clarifications to the City of Ashland questions presented (original on back) -

Policy Questions

1. The Primary objectives are what the Ordinance says- that *electricity..be produce from new, local and clean resources*. The 4 responses listed are all collateral benefits, not the primary objective.
2. No, this is a City project.
3. No, current industry standards and building codes are well-established.
4. Not a relevant question. These are just a couple of the many options that the City can decide in the future based on current conditions.
5. Yes- this is an essential part of any effective CEAP, and is in fact the first part of that plan to be made City law.
6. It seems the Mayor and Council have already left this to the committee's discretion and recommendation.

Ordinance Content Questions

- 1) a) New- i) Whenever it is built, ii) Generation
b) Clean- i) sure, or per Cascadia suggestion, ii) Not needed, iii) No
c) Cause to be Produced- i) No, ii) No, iii) No
d) Local- i) Yes, ii) Yes if direct-connect to City, iii) Yes if i) or ii), iv) Yes if i) or ii)
e) 10% of electricity- i) Yes, ii) to vi) No Per CVO 10-year electric study forecasts ~22,000MWh/yr
- 2) Dec 31, 2020; we don't believe there is time to meet any earlier deadline
- 3) No; this was in no way mentioned or suggested in the Ordinance

Thank you for your consideration, and thoughtful moving forward of this impressive Ordinance.

10% by 2020 Ordinance Questions for Council

Policy Questions

1. What are the primary objectives of the ordinance and in what order of priority?
 - a. Independence from the regional electricity grid?
 - b. Emergency access to electricity due to regional grid failure?
 - c. Carbon mitigation locally?
 - d. Carbon mitigation regionally?
2. Should the ordinance be developed to utilize the State of Oregon RPS structure as defined in Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) as the template and model to implement the 10 by 20 ordinance?
3. Should the ordinance be developed with its own set of definitions, standards and eligible resources separate from the State RPS structure?
4. If separate from the State RPS, should the local supplemental RPS include or exclude the state RPS mandates, i.e. cumulative or additive?
5. Should the clarified goals and intent of the ordinance be incorporated into the Climate and Energy Action Plan (CEAP) or remain as a stand-alone ordinance?
6. How does the ordinance fit in with the other goals of the CEAP? Should it take precedence both financially and in priority or should it be reviewed and evaluated equally with the other strategies and actions within the plan?

Ordinance Content Questions

1. What are the definitions of the following:
 - a. New
 - i. As of what date?
 - ii. New generation or newly acquired by the City Electric Utility?
 - b. Clean Resources
 - i. Renewable energy as defined in ORS?
 - ii. City specific definition?
 - iii. Does that include energy efficiency, demand response?
 - c. Cause to be produced
 - i. Limited to City owned/operated generation facility?
 - ii. Purchase of qualifying electricity from others?
 - iii. Purchase of RECs
 - d. Local
 - i. Within City limits?
 - ii. Within Rogue Valley?
 - iii. Within Ashland's regional balancing authority (PACW)?
 - iv. Within Northwest Power Pool territory?
 - e. 10% of electricity used in the City
 - i. Annual consumption (as defined by state RPS standard)?
 - ii. Peak day demand?
 - iii. Average daily demand?
 - iv. Peak day consumption?
 - v. Average daily consumption?
 - vi. Other benchmark of electricity use?
2. What does "from and by 2020" mean?
 - a. Is that January 1, 2020 or December 31, 2020?
3. Should the ordinance contain any financial caps or limits relating/compared to the acquisition cost of other wholesale electricity products?

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It is clear –scientists agree that continued high CO2 emissions from FF will inflict risks of ecological , economic and social collapse. We are seeing evidence of this beginning in our world today.

Ashland must do its part. WE cannot rely on the state or national governments to act with urgency or to use science based solutions. We must help restore the Earth's energy balance-ie: reduce atmosphere CO2 concentration to not more than 350 ppm.

Ashland is going to have to work hard, it is not going to be an easy ride. One way to de-carbonize energy production is to shift from FF to renewable energy. We have a chance to do this. Conservation alone is not the answer.

I repeat: We are at a point where negative CO2 emissions are needed in order to return to a stable climate. We need to be urgent in our thoughts and actions. We must aim high, using science based knowledge, we do not want to burden our youth, our future generations with the job-the necessity of developing technology to remove CO2 at a great cost and the real possibility of failure.

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