

Council Business Meeting

August 6, 2019

Agenda Item	Appointments to the Climate Policy Advisory Commission	
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SUMMARY

This item is to confirm the Mayor’s appointments to the newly created Climate Policy Advisory Commission (CPAC). The CPAC will provide community engagement, input, and recommendation making as the plan is implemented and updated over time.

POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED

- 1) 2019-21 Council Goal #3 – Enhance and improve transparency and communication
- 2) CEAP Year One Implementation Plan – Form and convene a permanent City Advisory Commission

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

The establishment of a permanent Commission for CEAP was one of the eight initial priority implementation actions outlined in the CEAP that was presented and approved by Council on March 7, 2017. Council elected to create a second CEAP Ad-Hoc on December 5, 2017, rather than a permanent commission.

On February 19, 2019, the CEAP Implementation Ad-Hoc Committee presented its final report and recommendation, which included each of the two proposed ordinances as references. Council accepted all of the recommendations of the Committee and directed staff to place each of the ordinances on a Council agenda for formal deliberation and decision.

City Council approved the creation of the Climate Policy Advisory Commission at the June 4, 2019 business meeting.

BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The development of the CEAP has benefitted from significant community involvement from its origins in 2015 with the creation of the first CEAP Ad-Hoc Committee (CEAP 1) charged by the Mayor and Council to assist staff, the consultant and the community in the development of the CEAP document. With over 30 total public meetings, including three community wide open houses, the CEAP document was presented to Council for approval in March 2017.

In December 2017, Council elected to create a second Ad-Hoc Committee rather than a permanent Commission. The CEAP Implementation Ad-Hoc (CEAP 2) was given a specific scope of work with eight topics to provide recommendations back to the Council. The final topic was “Long term structure and format for citizen advisory role in CEAP implementation”. CEAP 2 worked with the Conservation Commission to develop a unique structure to ensure that all aspects of CEAP implementation have advisory commission level support and involvement.

The Climate Policy Advisory Commission is focused on policy and plan related oversight and recommendations codified in AMC 9.40.040 while the proposed alterations to the Conservation Commission powers and duties provide alignment with community engagement and achievement of overall community action codified in AMC 9.40.020.

Mayor Stromberg proposes the following members for the Climate Policy Advisory Commission.

Position	Name	Term in years
Council Liaison	Tonya Graham (Chair)	1
Commissioner #1	Allie Coleman	2
Commissioner #2	Rick Barth	3
Commissioner #3	Ray Mallette	1
Commissioner #4	Talia Shea	2
Commissioner #5	Gary Shaff	3
Commissioner #6	Les Stone	1
Commissioner #7	Julian Bell	2
Commissioner #8	Chris Brown	3
Commissioner #9	<Vacant>	1
Commissioner #10 (Student)	Zander Huston	1
Commissioner #11 (Student)	<Vacant>	1

FISCAL IMPACTS

Costs associated specifically with Commissions are primarily are incurred via staff time (soft costs) rather than formal expenses (hard costs). The City’s climate plan contains strategies and actions that impact and relate to several different City Departments so the soft costs will include staff time from a number of different Departments from time to time, with the primary staffing coming from the City’s Climate and Energy Analyst.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council confirmation of the Mayor’s appointments to the Climate Policy Advisory Commission.

ACTIONS, OPTIONS & POTENTIAL MOTIONS

1) I move to confirm the Mayor’s appointments to the Climate Policy Advisory Commission.

REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS

- 1) See item 2 underneath agenda item XIV Ordinances, Resolutions and Contracts for the Ordinance 3177 Amending AMC CH 2.18 Conservation Commission to the Conservation and Climate Outreach Commission and Ordinance No. 3178 Creating the Climate Policy Commission; Adding a New AMC CH 2.27
- 2) Climate and Energy Action Plan – www.ashland.or.us/climateplan
- 3) [February 19, 2019](#) CEAP Implementation Ad-Hoc Committee Final Report and Recommendation