

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A REGIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVISING THE CITY OF EL PASO ON MATTERS RELATED TO RENEWABLE ENERGY STRATEGY AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of El Paso has great potential for developing and providing renewable energy resources to residential and commercial users in a manner that protects the environment, maintains self-sufficiency, and with the potential to enhance the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the identification and development of a self-sustaining local renewable energy community will place the City of El Paso among the forefront of renewable energy innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of El Paso would benefit from the establishment of an advisory committee, composed of a diverse group of renewable energy professionals, industry liaisons, energy customers, and community members interested in renewable energy to provide additional input and recommendations regarding regional renewable energy development.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

That the Regional Renewable Energy Advisory Council is hereby established to advise the City Council as an Ad Hoc Committee to advise City Council on all matters related to renewable energy strategy and industry development as follows:

1. Advisory Council Established – Membership
  - A. The Regional Renewable Energy Advisory Council (RREAC) shall consist of nine members appointed by the Mayor and each City Council Representative. Members shall be appointed based upon their professional competence, interest, and experience in the fields of engineering, utility, energy management, and/or sustainability.
  - B. At least 5 board members appointed by the City Council will be required to demonstrate a knowledge of, or experience in at least one of the following areas: engineering, architecture, energy management, utility infrastructure and /or sustainable building practices. At least two of these persons shall demonstrate experience in industry, innovation and economic development. Such persons shall submit a written statement to the City Manager or her/his designee detailing the requisite interest, knowledge or experience.
  - C. The advisory council will also include a single technical advisor from the local electric utility as a non-voting member. The technical advisor will be selected by assigned city staff for approval by city council.
  - D. The city manager shall designate a city department to provide staff to serve as the recording secretary and shall provide administrative and technical staff support to the Committee.

2. Terms

- A. Each member of the City Council shall nominate one member to the Regional Renewable Energy Advisory Council. Initial terms nominated by the Mayor and Districts 2,3,4 and 7 shall run March 3, 2016 through March 3, 2018; Districts 1,5,6 and 8 shall run March 3, 2016 through March 3, 2017. Thereafter all terms shall be two years. Appointments to vacancies that occur other than by expiration of a member's term of office shall be filled by appointment by the Mayor and City Council for the remainder of the unexpired term. Members shall not serve more than two consecutive terms.
- B. At the time the term of office of any member expires, the member shall continue to serve until his successor is appointed and qualified, or until thirty (30) days have passed following the expiration of the term, whichever event occurs first. Any holding over past the thirty (30) day period is prohibited, and after that time a vacancy shall exist.
- C. The Regional Renewable Energy Advisory Council shall annually select from among its appointed members a chair and a vice-chair. The Committee shall adopt such rules and regulations for the government of its proceedings as may be deemed proper, not inconsistent with the ordinances and the Charter of the City and the laws of the State of Texas.
- D. A quorum of the Regional Renewable Energy Advisory Council shall be a majority of the total number of the voting members who have been appointed by City Council at the time of the meeting; provided however that a quorum shall not be less than five. The chair shall have a vote in all matters. No final action shall be taken on any matter except pursuant to a simple majority vote of members present.

3. Duties - The Regional Renewable Energy Advisory Council shall advise City Council on the following as initiated and requested by City staff:

- A. Review and make recommendations regarding the City's renewable energy strategy and industry development;
- B. Review and make recommendations on the City's Economic Development Incentives, Municipal Facility Design and Construction and Community Outreach Programs directly related to energy efficiency and renewable energy industry development;
- C. Evaluate and make recommendations regarding services to the development and construction community directly related to energy efficiency and renewable energy via the Planning and Inspections Department;
- D. Advise the City Council on funding priorities and mechanisms related to renewable energy infrastructure;
- E. Advise the City Council on the promotion of renewable energy education and public outreach.

4. Sunset – The Regional Renewable Energy Advisory Council shall sunset on December 31, 2030, at which time the City Council can reinstate this Committee. The terms of all RREAC members shall automatically expire on the sunset date.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

*(Additional Signatures on the following page)*

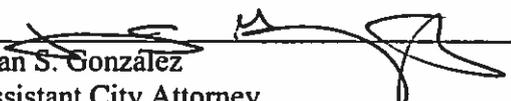
**THE CITY OF EL PASO**

  
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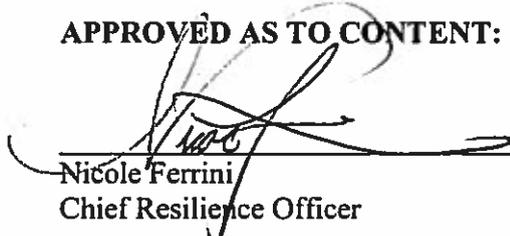
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