AGENDA
OXFORD CLIMATE ACTION STEERING COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 16, 2020
9:00 a.m.

SHELTER – LEONARD HOWELL PARK
Bonham Road
Oxford, Ohio

MEMBERS
Mark Boardman
David Gorchov
Sandra Woy-Hazelton
Joan Potter-Sommer

Jason Bracken
Andor Kiss
David Prytherch

Ex Officio
Adam Sizemore

I. Approval of Agenda

II. Introductions

III. Nomination and Appointment of Officers

IV. New Business
   a. Review of Committee Charge (City Council Resolution)
   b. Review of Global Covenant of Mayors (City Council Resolution)
   c. Discussion of Steering Committee Role (Coordination with Other Decision-Making Bodies, City Staff, Miami University, Community Organizations)
   d. Agenda for Upcoming Year

V. Old Business

VI. Adjournment
RESOLUTION NO. 7151

A RESOLUTION CREATING A STANDING CITY OF OXFORD CLIMATE ACTION STEERING COMMITTEE AND ESTABLISHING ITS PURPOSE, MEMBERSHIP AND STRUCTURE.

WHEREAS, Oxford City Council recognizes the threat posed by the global climate crisis to the public health, safety, and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, Oxford City Council has committed to climate action and a pathway towards carbon neutrality by signing the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy; and

WHEREAS, climate planning and action are complex challenges requiring collaboration among Oxford City Council, boards/commissions, administration, and departments; neighboring jurisdictions and large institutions; local businesses; and residents; and

WHEREAS, a standing body is needed to provide such coordination and communication in setting targets for Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction, inventorying, monitoring and reporting GHG emissions, and recommending climate related policy and actions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, OHIO, HEREBY RESOLVES THAT:

SECTION 1: Oxford City Council hereby establishes a City of Oxford Climate Action Steering Committee to:
   a. provide high-level coordination on integrated climate issues: within the City of Oxford and with neighboring jurisdictions, key stakeholders, and the wider community;
   b. recommend to City Council and to the City Manager climate-action targets, policies, and implementation strategies;
   c. promote coordination of -- but not substitute for -- existing boards and commissions
   d. coordinate greenhouse gas (GHG) inventoring and reporting; and
   e. regularly engage the public in forums designed to promote community-wide understanding and collaboration in climate planning and action.

SECTION 2: The Climate Action Steering Committee shall be made up of:
   a. seven (7) voting members, appointed by City Council, including:
      i. two (2) City Councilors; and
      ii. five (5) community members
      iii. Council and community appointees shall ensure representation of and liaison to the City of Oxford Planning Commission, Environmental Commission, Parking
and Transportation Advisory Board; and key community organizations and stakeholder groups; and
b. the City Manager as an ex-officio member and/or his/her designee(s), representing high-level decision making in City management, long-range planning, and operations; and
c. one (1) ex-officio member representing Miami University and its body charged with long-range climate planning and action.

SECTION 3: The Climate Action Steering Committee shall meet quarterly or more often as needed, but the work of climate action -- including sector specific planning and policies and GHG inventory and reporting -- will be undertaken monthly by relevant boards and commissions and on an ongoing basis by staff.

SECTION 4: The leadership structure and procedures of the Climate Action Steering Committee will be determined by the committee, following the guidelines of Roberts Rules of Order.

SECTION 5: This Resolution shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law.

ADOPTED: January 21, 2020

ATTEST: 

CLAIR OF OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

INTRODUCED BY: DAVID PRYHERCH

PREPARED BY: LAW (STAFF)
RESOLUTION NO. 7101

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, OHIO, ENDORSING THE GLOBAL COVENANT OF MAYORS FOR CLIMATE & ENERGY.

WHEREAS, the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy is an alliance of cities and local governments with a shared long-term vision of promoting voluntary action to combat climate change and move to a low emission resilient society; and

WHEREAS, the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy represents over 9,000 cities which comprise about ten percent of the world population; and

WHEREAS, Council having reviewed the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy finds that endorsing it would be in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Oxford and the citizens of the surrounding communities.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, OHIO, HEREBY RESOLVES THAT:

SECTION 1: Council hereby endorses the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy and authorizes the Mayor to sign on to it on behalf of the City of Oxford, Ohio.

SECTION 2: This resolution shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law.

[Signature]
MAYOR

ADOPTED: September 3, 2019

ATTEST:
[Signature]
MARYANN EATON
CLERK OF OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

INTRODUCED BY: DAVID PRYtherCh

PREPARED BY: LAW (STAFF)
Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy
Commitment of City of Oxford, Ohio, United States.

I, Mayor Kate Rousmaniere, on behalf of the City Council of Oxford, Ohio, commit to the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM), joining thousands of other cities and local governments around the world currently engaged in climate leadership.

GCoM envisions a world where committed mayors and local governments – in alliance with partners – accelerate ambitious, measurable climate and energy initiatives that lead to an inclusive, just, low-emission and climate resilient future, helping to meet and exceed the Paris Agreement objectives.

Whatever the size or location, the mayors and local leaders committed to GCoM stand ready to take concrete measures with long-term impact to tackle the interconnected challenges of climate change mitigation and adaptation, as well as access to sustainable energy.

To implement this vision, we pledge to implement policies and undertake measures to (i) reduce / avoid greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, (ii) prepare for the impacts of climate change, (iii) increase access to sustainable energy, and (iv) track progress toward these objectives.

Specifically, within three years of this commitment, we pledge to develop, adopt, use and regularly report on the following:

- A community-scale GHG emission inventory, following the recommended guidance;
- An assessment of climate risks and vulnerabilities;
- Ambitious, measurable and time-bound target(s) to reduce/avoid GHG emissions;
- Ambitious climate change adaptation vision and goals, based on quantified scientific evidence when possible, to increase local resilience to climate change;
- An ambitious and just goal to improve access to secure, sustainable and affordable energy; and
- A formally adopted plan(s) addressing climate change mitigation / low emission development, climate resilience and adaptation, and access to sustainable energy.

The targets and action plans for mitigation / low emission development must be quantified and consistent with or exceed relevant national unconditional commitments defined through the
UNFCCC (Intended) Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC). The targets and action plans should be in line with National Adaptation Plans, where these exist; and should be consistent with the principles around energy access and urban sustainability embodied in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

We will explore the allocation of adequate staff resources and institutional arrangements. This includes governance processes, municipal structures and budget allocations to deliver on this commitment and secure continuity.

We acknowledge that there may be additional regional- or country-specific commitments or requirements that we commit to follow, and that may be agreed through our city networks or through our direct engagement with local partners of GCoM.

The City of Oxford acknowledges that continued engagement in GCoM and associated Regional or National Covenants, as established, is contingent on complying with the above requirements within established timeframes.

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Mandated by the Oxford City Council on [DATE].

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1 "Avoid emission" via low emission development
2 Flexibility is allowed to suit differentiated local circumstances and needs.
3 According to the city and local government's procedures
4 Many countries have submitted two sets of NDC targets: unconditional targets, to be implemented without any explicit external support; and conditional targets. The latter are more ambitious than unconditional targets and require external support for their fulfilment. The cities and local governments committing to the GCoM are required to commit at least to the equivalent of their country's unconditional targets, but are encouraged to be more ambitious where possible.