

# A Call to Local Action on Global Climate Change

The Grants Pass Sustainability and Energy Action Task Force will present their proposed Sustainability Plan to the City Council on May 1, at 11:45 am at City Hall.

## **Public support for adoption of the proposed Sustainability Plan is essential.**

The data-driven plan includes five achievable goals, 14 practical projects, and 59 incremental actions, providing a roadmap to net zero GHG emissions from Municipal Operations by 2045. Successful completion of the projects will also lead to significant long-term budget savings for the City, most of which will accrue to the property tax supported General Fund.

### **Action #1;**

Public support for adoption of this plan is essential! Please make every effort to show your support by **attending the Council Workshop on May 1**. While Council Workshops do not provide opportunities for public comment, a room full of silent witnesses during the presentation of the plan will be very effective.

### **Action #2:**

Public support can also be shown **by sending a succinct and supportive email to:**

[MayorCouncil@grantspassoregon.gov](mailto:MayorCouncil@grantspassoregon.gov)

Potential discussion points include the Goals and targets proposed in the Plan:

GOAL 1: Manage energy costs, allowing for better allocation of limited City funds.

GOAL 2: Improve Municipal energy resilience.

GOAL 3: Reduce greenhouse gas emissions incrementally over the next 20 years.

GOAL 4: Integrate sustainability into all City decision-making.

GOAL 5: Establish a standing Sustainability and Energy Advisory Committee to monitor progress, advise on new technologies, and engage in citizen outreach.

The targets for the 14 projects and 59 incremental steps proposed in the plan are:

65% reduction in GHG emissions by 2030 (includes mandated shift to renewables by Pacific Power)

75% reduction by 2035

90% reduction in GHG emissions by 2040, and

Net zero GHG emissions from Municipal Operations by 2045.

The proposed plan provides a road map to achievement of these targets through project implementation, resource allocation, and grant applications.

### **Action #3:**

Adoption of the Plan is scheduled for **the City Council Meeting on May 17**. This public meeting, and hearing on scheduled action items, does provide for public comment.

Attendance at this Council Business meeting is a very important third way to demonstrate your support for sustainability in Grants Pass. The meeting will be at **6:00 pm on Wednesday, May 17, at City Hall**. Again, a full hearing room speaks volumes.

This democratic process provides three opportunities to take local action in support of reduced GHG emissions from Grants Pass Municipal Operations. **Make use of all three.**

