RESOLUTION NO. 2330

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOLDEN CITY COUNCIL REVISING THE EXISTING SUSTAINABILITY GOALS AND SETTING NEW TARGETS AND TIMELINES

WHEREAS, the Golden City Council enacted the Golden Sustainability Goals through Resolution No. 1793 in 2007 in recognition of the current threat to our environment and resolved to place Golden in the forefront of global communities willing to do their part to help make a difference; and

WHEREAS, since 2007 the city has created the Community Sustainability Advisory Board (CSAB), seated several task forces to provide research and direction, made significant investments in energy and resource conservation, and has implemented numerous sustainability programs and policies toward the goals; and

WHEREAS, midway to the 10-year goals CSAB reviewed the progress made to date and proposed changes to reflect the achievement of some goals, the inclusion of additional goals, and the extension of a timeline for the energy goals.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDEN, COLORADO:

Section 1. Golden intends to meet the following Sustainability Goals:

a. Improve the energy efficiency and reduce the environmental impact of new and existing buildings in Golden. Specifically:
   1) Ensure that within ten years 90% of all new buildings constructed in Golden each year are built to green building standards.
   2) Ensure that within ten years 50% of all remods in Golden each year are built to green building standards.
   3) Revise Golden's land use code to reflect the best practices in sustainability once every five years.

b. Improve the economic health of our community by increasing business opportunities focused on energy efficiency and renewable energy and by reducing the energy costs of all Golden businesses. Specifically:
   1) Encourage local businesses to improve their sustainability and profitability by developing their offerings of sustainable products and services and their use of sustainable products, services, and practices.
   2) Create/Attract new jobs and businesses in the sustainability sectors.
   3) Create opportunities focused on carbon reduction, supporting Golden's local economy, and pursuing collaborative efforts.

c. Increase our community's awareness of and encourage commitment to actively take part in sustainability as a public value that supports cultural, economic and environmental health for all citizens. Specifically:
   1) Create effective, ongoing two-way communication that informs, educates and inspires community involvement in city-wide sustainability efforts.
d. Increase our community's energy efficiency and our use of renewable sources of energy. Specifically:

1) Reduce the City of Golden's energy usage by 25% and increase to 50% the proportion of its energy use derived from renewable energy sources within twenty years (25 x 50 in 20).

2) Reduce overall community energy usage in Golden by 20% and increase to 20% the proportion of its energy use derived from renewable energy sources within twenty years (20 x 20 in 20).

e. Reduce our solid waste stream contribution through the expanded use of recycling programs, waste diversion programs, and other tools. Specifically:

1) Reduce our solid waste stream contribution by 25% in ten years.

2) For waste streams that are tracked but cannot be measured as a while, increase diversion by 10% each year.

f. Increase the ability of Golden residents and visitors to travel to and through Golden using alternative transportation. Specifically:

1) Reduce the communities total Vehicle Miles Traveled by 15% in ten years.

g. Ensure that Golden sustains a clean, stable water supply into the future, Specifically:

1) Reduce Golden's per capita water use by 15% in fifteen (15) years.

2) Maintain better than regulatory water quality from water treatment plant to end-user.

3) Increase the efficiency of the water delivery system.

4) Improve the health of the ecosystem associated with the Golden waterways.

Adopted this 13th day of March, 2014.

Marjorie N. Sloan
Mayor

Susan M. Brooks, MMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David S. Williamson
City Attorney
I, Susan M. Brooks, City Clerk of the City of Golden, Colorado, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a certain Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Golden, Colorado at a rescheduled regular business meeting thereof held on the 13th day of March, 2014.

ATTEST:  

Susan M. Brooks, City Clerk of the City of Golden, Colorado