



OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

City Manager's Office, Office of Sustainability

City Council
April 27, 2021

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Background

March 10, 2020 City Council action:

1. **Conceptually approved creation of an Office of Sustainability** within the City Manager's Office to act as a catalyst for the full development and implementation of sustainability and resiliency policies and actions and the repurpose of two existing vacant positions as the Sustainability Officer and a support position;
2. **Requested staff to:**
 1. **Develop further detail** on the position levels and pay scale;
 2. **Present the proposal to the Budget Engagement Commission** for a recommendation; and
 3. **Return to the City Council** for a final determination.



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What has been done...

- Launched Office of Sustainability in August 2020
- Limited impacts by utilizing existing staff
- Formed interdepartmental teams / Peer to peer meetings (Ft. Collins)
- Home departments continue funding



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Office of Sustainability



Overarching Themes

- Quality of Life: Livability, Safety & Culture
- Policies, Compliance, Services
- Financial Resiliency
- Partnerships & Collaboration
- Storytelling
- Community & Education



Environmental Stewardship

- Climate Action & Air Quality
- Green Infrastructure
- Energy
- Water
- Parks & Open Space
- Built Environment & Transportation
- Solid Waste & Sewage



Social Responsibility

- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion
- Environmental Justice
- Housing & Homelessness
- Personal Enrichment, Lifelong Learning
- Food Security
- Inter-generational Programs & Services
- Health & Wellness



Economic Prosperity

- Business Climate
- Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- Attraction, Retention, Expansion
- Development & Investment
- Workforce Development, Skills Training
- Economic Mobility



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Environmental Stewardship Efforts



**Parks &
Open Space**



Resource Recovery



Clean Fleet



**Renewable
Energy**



**Water Source
Preservation**



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Social Responsibility Efforts



1. Learning Communities
 - Choosing Civility Riverside Reads
 - City Diversity Training
2. DEI Third Party Assessment
3. Recruit Chief Equity Officer



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Economic Prosperity Efforts

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Transformative Endeavor: TCC Grant

Urban Greening: \$1,139,049

Solar: \$1,988,000

Xeriscape: \$592,417

Transit Options: \$9,117,952

7th and Chicago Entrada Project: \$13,003,254
(+ \$22,540,065 other sources)

Workforce Dev:	\$1,085,380
Anti-displacement:	\$145,500
Comm. Engagement:	\$1,215,441
Data Collection:	\$1,110,000

TOTAL AWARD: \$31,221,206

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Next Steps

Part 1: Develop staff plan, budget, and implement the framework for the OOS roles and responsibilities.

1. Work across the City organization to foster a strong culture around cross-department teams for greater impact in sustainability work;
2. Lead triple bottom line work groups to increase coordination and standardization among service areas around sustainability goals;
3. Participate regionally in efforts related to sustainability;
4. Join organizations specializing in sustainability best practices and peer-to-peer learnings;
5. Initiate conversations about alternative approaches to addressing sustainability including, but not limited to, city organizational structure change, establishment of a sustainability commission, and the creation of new positions (e.g. Chief Sustainability Officer);
6. Coordinate legislative platform and regulatory compliance; and
7. Develop and initiate a stakeholder communications and education strategy.

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Next Steps

Part 2: Triple Bottom Line Teams

(funded or included in upcoming budget)

1. All Working Groups –Municipal Sustainability Plan to implement Council's Envision Riverside 2025 Strategic Plan and the General Plan Update to ensure long-range sustainability efforts are integrated throughout the:
 - a. Environmental Justice Element / Climate Adaptation / Housing Element
 - b. Phase 2 of General Plan Update
2. Economic Prosperity Work Group – key efforts including Economic Prosperity Action Plan development, Northside Specific Plan, Innovation District, One Stop Shop, infrastructure investment, Santa Ana River economic opportunities, others
3. Social Responsibility Work Group - Diversity/Equity/Inclusivity Plan, diversity training, Equity Officer recruitment, support Community Engagement Policy
4. Environmental Stewardship Work Group - CEQA certified Climate Action Plan, regional environmental collaborations, key efforts to reduce GHG emissions



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Recommendation

That the City Council:

1. Receive an update on the activities of the Office of Sustainability and City sustainability efforts;
2. Reconfirm City Council's direction on March 10, 2020 directing staff to bring back a job scope and duties and recommended salary range for a new full-time Chief Sustainability Officer position to fully implement the Office of Sustainability and shepherd organization-wide sustainability efforts in support of the City Council's more recently adopted Envision Riverside 2025 Strategic Plan; and,
3. Provide direction on next steps.



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