

**RESOLUTION 23-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE DURATION OF A  
COMMISSION ON ENERGY AND CONSERVATION**

WHEREAS, the City Council passed and adopted Resolution 19-10794 (Resolution) creating a Commission on Energy and Conservation (Energy and Conservation Commission) (ECC); and

WHEREAS, the duties of the ECC per the Resolution are creating and implementing a comprehensive energy conservation plan that includes:

7a. An inventory of water and wastewater treatment, waste removal and disposal, pollution and energy efficiency of City-owned-and managed facilities, transportation and equipment; and

7b. Specific goals and strategies to reduce energy consumption, pollution and waste by measurable amounts; and

7c. A timetable for accomplishing the outlined goals and strategies; and report the findings of the Commission to City Council on a semi-annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has completed duties 7a and 7b above to date but has yet to complete 7c and finalize the comprehensive energy conservation plan; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution indicates the Commission shall expire at the end of four (4) years or when the Commission members determine by majority vote that their work has been completed, whichever comes first; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution indicates the Commission shall consist of seven citizen members, and citizens shall apply to serve on the Commission and must have experience and a demonstrated interest in the fields of energy or conservation, and members will serve four-year terms beginning on July 1, 2019, expiring on June 30, 2023, when the Commission ends; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has undertaken the process of creating and implementing a comprehensive energy plan, and for the purposes of developing specific goals and strategies conducted extensive research on City projects and metrics in order to submit an application for certification to the LEED® for Cities (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design), resulting in the City of Billings receiving a LEED® for Cities Gold Certification as the first city in Montana; and

WHEREAS, energy technology and potential national funding to help cities identify new energy and water conservation, alternate fuels, transportation, energy sources, and innovations are evolving and the City may benefit from ongoing citizen advisory input in these areas; and

WHEREAS, when the existing Commission and citizen members terms end June 30, 2023, this will eliminate any benefits from citizen advisory input on LEED for Cities, evolving energy technology, ways the City can manage resources effectively to reduce cost, identify potential funding sources to help with these efforts, goals and strategies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA:

1. EXTENSION. The Commission on Energy and Conservation is allowed to continue for an additional two years, with the Commission ending on December 31, 2025, or Commission members determine by majority vote that their work has been completed, whichever comes first.
2. APPLICATION PROCESS. Citizen members shall apply to serve on the Commission and must have experience and a demonstrated interest in the fields of energy or conservation. Existing Commission members shall have the option to serve a second term as defined in the City Code and standard bylaws for the City commissions and boards.
3. APPOINTMENT OF TERMS. Each member shall be limited to two (2) consecutive four (4) year terms per Section 2-505 of the BMCC. However, when the Commission ends, members' terms end, even if this is before four (4) year terms have expired.
4. ALLOCATION OF STAFF TIME. City staff may be allocated to coordinate the City's ongoing and future energy and conservation efforts, including but not limited to, Commission facilitation, internal and external communications, and administrative duties.
5. COMMISSION ORGANIZATION. The Commission will continue to operate under the existing bylaws adopted that provide for meeting schedules, officers and their election, and other appropriate conditions for the conduct of its members.
6. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION. Members will undertake and oversee the continued process of creating and implementing a comprehensive energy and conservation plan that includes:
  - a. An inventory of water and wastewater treatment, waste removal and disposal, pollution and energy efficiency of City-owned-and-managed facilities, transportation and equipment; and
  - b. Specific goals and strategies to reduce energy consumption, pollution and waste by measurable amounts; and
  - c. A timetable for accomplishing the outlined goals and strategies; and report the findings of the Commission to City Council. on a semi-annual basis.
7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Billings, Montana,  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

CITY OF BILLINGS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
William A. Cole, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Denise R. Bohlman, City Clerk