Subject: Climate Emergency Resolution Discussion

Meeting Date: February 28th, 2022
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Action Type
☐ Consent Item
☐ Public Hearing
☐ Action/Motion
☒ Resolution
☐ Discussion/Direction
☐ Informational Only
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Action
Discuss and comment on a Resolution declaring a Climate Emergency in West St Paul

Background
At the February 2, 2022 Environmental Committee (EC) meeting, members discussed how 16 Minnesota cities recently formed a coalition and together each declared a climate emergency for their cities, sending a message to lawmakers ahead of this legislative session that the time for action is now.

EC members feel strongly that West St Paul should take a similar stance. A sub-committee was formed and those members reached out to leaders from some of the 16 cities for more information. They researched the information provided to them and have drafted the attached resolution. This resolution contains the same message that the coalition of cities used.

Members also learned that additional cities are currently working to join the coalition, with many of them targeting March for passage of their resolutions.

This resolution falls in line with the best practices of the GreenStep Cities program.

Attachments
DRAFT Resolution – Climate Emergency

Previous Relevant Actions

Alternatives

Financial
Budgeted: ☐ Yes ☒ No Financial Impact
Fund: Click or tap here to enter text. Click or tap here to enter text.
Department: Click or tap here to enter text.
Account: Click or tap here to enter text.
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