



City Council

Consider a Referral to Staff and the Finance Committee Regarding Climate Revenue

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

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Report

Issue:

Whether to Consider a Referral to Staff and the Finance Committee Regarding Climate Revenue.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

Councilmember Lisa Parshley

Background and Analysis:

In February 2021, Olympia City Council passed a Resolution Declaring a Climate Emergency (Resolution No. M-2194); signaling that the City council believes climate change has reached a critical point that will require more than simple actions and lack luster response to address our rapidly pending climate crisis.

The referral requests:

- Staff to research and provide the best legal and viable option to provide a revenue stream dedicated to achieving our adopted Climate Goals and to address our stated Climate Emergency. During this process staff should ensure that this revenue stream is fenced off from the rest of the general and capital budgets except in exigent circumstances.
- Finance staff to work with the Climate Program Manager to develop a budget that will provide effective administration and funding of climate actions for the coming 1-5 years, including staffing, pilot studies, grant writing, and monies for incentives, revolving loans, and grants for

climate work. Importance of this specific request is that it will inform what is the best the type and scope of revenue required to achieve effective climate action.

- Finance Committee add to their future work plans (2023 and 2024) these topics and report out to the entire council in 2023

The referral is sponsored by Councilmember Parshley, with support from Mayor Selby and Mayor Pro Tem Gilman.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

The Community has an interest in actions by the City to address the climate crisis.

Options:

1. Approve the referral to staff and the Finance Committee.
2. Approve the referral, with amendments, to staff and the Finance Committee.
3. Do not approve the referral to staff and the Finance Committee.

Financial Impact:

There are no financial impacts related to consideration of the referral.

Attachments:

Referral