

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Council adopted Resolution No. 20170817-061, which adopted the recommendations of the Electric Utility Commission Resource Planning Working Group for the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan, including long-range planning through 2027; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Electric Utility Commission convened the Resource Plan Working Group to craft the 2030 Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan (“the Plan”) with the purpose of updating and replacing the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan to 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Plan includes the Electric Utility Commission’s Planning Working Group recommendations regarding sustainability and affordability goals as it relates to energy consumption and production and it is intended to be updated every five years unless circumstances change; and

WHEREAS, the Plan grants the Electric Utility Commission the opportunity to determine at the end of 2022 whether circumstances or conditions have changed to such an extent that interim updates to the Plan are warranted; and

WHEREAS, the Plan states that, “Austin Energy will maintain its current target to cease operation of Austin Energy’s portion of the Fayette Power Project (FPP) coal plant by year-end 2022;” and

WHEREAS, Austin Energy has not been able to meet this deadline of ceasing operation of Austin Energy’s portion of the Fayette Power Plant by year-end 2022; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the Plan also stipulates that a transmission study is required
26 “to assess the costs, benefits, technical and asset requirements of upgrading
27 transmission resources to allow for the retirement of Austin Energy’s existing
28 natural gas generators as early as 2027, 2030 or as per the schedule set forth in the
29 2030 Plan;” and

30 **WHEREAS**, according to the Electric Utility Commission, the transmission
31 study is expected to be completed and reviewed by staff by June 2023; and

32 **WHEREAS**, according to a recommendation adopted by the the Electric
33 Utility Commission on November 14, 2022, entitled “Exhibit A,” the Electric
34 Utility Commission “finds that the inability of Austin Energy to cease operations
35 of the Fayette Power Plant, coupled with increasing costs and changes in the
36 electric market, lessons learned from the Austin Energy transmission study, and
37 opportunities created by passage of federal legislation represent a material change
38 to the conditions that led to the adoption of the 2030 Resource Plan;” **NOW,**
39 **THEREFORE:**

40 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

41 The City Council endorses the the Electric Utility Commission’s
42 recommendation as seen in Exhibit A and directs the City Manager to update the
43 2030 Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan. The City
44 Manager is directed to provide a presentation to the Electric Utility Commission
45 regarding the results of the transmission study no later than July of 2023.

46 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

47 The City Manager is directed to collaborate with the Electric Utility
48 Commission regarding potential changes to the Plan and to bring draft amendments
49 to the plan to the Electric Utility Commission for input prior to Council approval

no later than the first quarter of 2024. To the extent legally feasible, the City Manager is directed to update the retirement dates outlined in the Plan and to brief the Council in an appropriate setting on any funding needs and opportunities that are required to achieve the new retirement dates. As part of the update to the Plan, the Electric Utility Commission may work collaboratively with the Resource Management Commission and other stakeholders with expertise in resource planning.

ADOPTED: _____, 2022 **ATTEST:** _____

Myrna Rios
City Clerk