



24           **WHEREAS**, the Task Force shall be comprised of relevant stakeholders and  
25 engaged community members as determined by council at a later date; and

26           **WHEREAS**, the Task force shall abide by and be subject to the provisions  
27 of § 2-1-24 of City Code "Conflict of Interest and Recusal" and § 2-1-21(C) of City  
28 Code "Eligibility Requirements and Removal," and not be the staff or board  
29 member of an organization that has received bond funding in the past two  
30 comprehensive bond packages; and

31           **WHEREAS**, an overall comprehensive bond program should include a  
32 climate proposition as a component; and

33           **WHEREAS**, a comprehensive climate program will necessarily need to  
34 include a climate bond proposition; and

35           **WHEREAS**, the City wants a comprehensive, model climate program both  
36 in outcomes that benefit Austinites and in the method by which the program is  
37 created to assure credibility and successful outcomes; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

39           The City Manager is directed to schedule and conduct public briefings as  
40 needed to be presented to Council to provide information regarding the City's  
41 current bonded indebtedness and bond ratings for the purpose of planning future  
42 bond proposals.

43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

44           The City Manager is directed to bring to Council two items: 1) a  
45 comprehensive bond package that funds and addresses climate, infrastructure, and

46 any other public improvements for the purpose of conducting an election no later  
47 than November 2026, and 2) a comprehensive climate implementation program of  
48 which one component is a climate bond proposition contained in the  
49 comprehensive bond package.

50 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

51 The City Manager, as a part of the comprehensive climate implementation  
52 program, shall provide a detailed and thorough means for investing in our climate.  
53 These means should include, but not be limited to, land acquisition that can  
54 achieve multiple goals, water conservation that accelerates and expands Austin  
55 Waters five-year plans, tree planting, heat resilient and other green infrastructure,  
56 local solar and battery storage, capital projects that reduce emissions from concrete  
57 and other sources, flood mitigation, charging infrastructure to advance  
58 decarbonization of City vehicles and high-emissions equipment, and sustainability  
59 and resilience of City facilities to reduce water usage and provide resilience to  
60 extreme temperatures. This implementation program should build on and  
61 implement previous recommendations, including, but not limited to the:

- 62 • Environmental Investment Plan,
- 63 • Joint Sustainability Committee Report,
- 64 • Austin Climate Equity Plan,
- 65 • Water Forward,
- 66 • Watershed Protection Strategic Plan,
- 67 • One Austin: The Climate Resilience Action Plan,
- 68 • Austin Strategic Mobility Plan,
- 69 • Austin Energy Resource, Generation, and Climate Protection Plan,

- Austin Strategic Mobility Plan,
- Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint,
- Austin Travis County Food Plan,
- Parks and Recreation Department’s Long Range Plan and Land Management Plan,
- Austin-Travis County Community Wildfire Protection Plan,
- Urban Forest Plan,
- Heat Resilience Playbook, and
- Collaborative County-City initiatives like the North East Planning District.

Funding for this implementation program shall not be limited to general obligation bonds but should identify other funding mechanisms, including federal grants for sustainability and resilience programs, innovative ways to leverage the City’s fee schedules and utilities and enterprise departments, cost sharing with other jurisdictions and entities, and general fund expenditures.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager shall provide Council with regular updates on the progress of the comprehensive climate implementation program, relevant community engagement, and steps taken towards including a climate bond proposition as a component of a comprehensive bond election.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Myrna Rios  
City Clerk