



City of Salem

Climate Action Plan Committee

Monday, May 13, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Meeting will be conducted in-person and livestreamed on YouTube

In-Person Location: Salem Civic Center, Room 325 (Traffic Control Room)
555 Liberty Street SE, and

Livestream via YouTube: <https://bit.ly/salemclimatemeetings>

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PARTICIPANTS

Committee Members

Mayor Chris Hoy, Chair; Councilor Jose Gonzalez, Councilor Trevor Phillips, Councilor Virginia Stapleton, Commissioner Michael Slater, and Councilor Deanna Gwyn (alternate)

Staff & Guests

Keith Stahley, City Manager; Brian Martin, Public Works Director; Robert Chandler, Assistant Public Works Director; Marissa West (RHT Energy); Luke Gmazel, Engineer; Gretchen Bennett, Community Services Manager; Jason Pulley, Utilities Program Manager; Keith Garlinghouse, Utilities Engineer, Michael Keuler, Marion County Environmental Health & Resiliency Coordinator; and Julianah Douglas, Climate Action Plan Manager.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Public Comment (Written Comments Received)
3. Approval of 3/11/2024 Meeting Minutes
4. Strategy EN 12 – Comprehensive approach to increasing energy efficiency in municipal buildings. Salem Navigation Center upgrades – Marissa West (RHT Energy), Luke Gmazel (Engineering), Gretchen Bennett (Community Services)
5. Strategy EN 23– Incentivize and implement small-scale renewable-powered microgrids. In-pipe micro hydroelectric generation – Jason Pulley and Keith Garlinghouse (Public Works)
6. Strategy CM 01 – Environmental screening tool to identify Salem neighborhoods disproportionately burdened by and vulnerable to environmental hazards – Michael Keuler (Marion County Public Health). Presenting on findings from the recent reports regarding environmental factors of [heat](#), [cold](#), and [air quality](#) and their impact on public health outcomes:



CLIMATE ACTION PLAN COUNCIL COMMITTEE

March 11, 2024

City of Salem, Public Works Department, Room 325

DRAFT MEETING NOTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Hoy, Chair
Commissioner Slater, Planning
Commission
(Alternate) Councilor Gwyn
Councilor Phillips (virtual)
Councilor Gonzales (virtual)

STAFF PRESENT

Keith Stahley, City Manager
Brian Martin, Public Works Director
Robert Chandler, Public Works Assistant Director
Sheri Wahgren, Assistant Director Urban Division
Sara Long, Project Manager Urban Division
Julianah Douglas, Climate Action Plan Manager

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilor Stapleton

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1. **Welcome and Call To Order** – The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.
 2. **Public Comment** –Written comment was received from Phil Carver of 350 Salem.
 3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 8, 2024 –**
Motion: Commissioner Slater made a motion to accept the minutes. This was seconded by Councilor Phillips. Motion was approved 4-0.
 4. **Strategy TL 24 – Charging for City-Controlled Parking – Sheri Wahgren & Sara Long (Community Planning and Development Department)**
 - Sheri Wahgren provided an update on charging for City-controlled parking.
 - Project costs and timelines identified in the Climate Action Plan for this strategy are shorter and less expensive than Urban Division expects this project to entail.
 - Council approved Urban Division to move forward with an implementation plan.
 - First steps taken include amendments to the Riverfront Urban Renewal Plan and bringing in consultants for financial analysis and a communication and engagement plan.
 5. **Strategy EN 09 – Community Green Tariff – Riley Peck, Steve Corson, and Wendy Veliz (Portland General Electric)**
 - Presented by Riley Peck, Steve Corson, and Wendy Veliz from Portland General Electric (PGE).
 - Overview of the Community Green Tariff Program (CGT) in response to House Bill 2021 regulatory requirements to help communities achieve climate goals ahead of PGE's regulatory requirements.
 - Residents of participating jurisdictions will be enrolled in CGT automatically and can opt-out.
 - Incremental costs of procuring non-emitting resources will be added to participating residents' electricity bills.
 - Communities can work together for a joint program to leverage economies of scale.
 - CGT is administered through PGE.

- Income Qualified Bill Discount customers will not pay more to be enrolled in the CGT program.
- Next Steps: PGE will send out a new draft of the CGT to community stakeholders, then file a final draft with the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC) in the next few months. A decision from the OPUC is expected by the end of the year. If approved, local governments can adopt ordinances and complete participation agreements with PGE.
- PGE's existing "Green Future Plan" has a 25% enrollment rate of Salem customers.

6. Climate Action Plan Updates

- Julianah Douglas presented updates on progress to the climate action plan strategy implementation.
- Follow-up on reporting metrics: The Climate Action Plan Committee agrees to move forward with the 13 proposed metrics.
- Solar Feasibility Study at Salem Airport: A first draft has been completed, and a final draft will be soon to follow. Commissioner Slater requested consideration for small-scale generation in lieu of net metering.
- Urban Heat Island Mapping: Salem is planning on applying as the lead agency of a regional mapping effort for 2025. The efforts include about \$20,000 for the study, 100 volunteers dedicating 5 hours, and seeking out a grant to cover indirect costs.
- EN 11 – Climate Champion Partners: Marion County Sustainable Business Network is exploring a Memorandum of Understanding to extend services to west Salem.
- CAP Community Engagement: Updates on engagement efforts with Salem 350, Willamette University, and the University of Oregon Sustainable City Year program.
- Next meeting topics: In-pipe hydroelectric Turbine and Salem Navigation Center Energy Trust of Oregon Upgrades on May 13.

7. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Monday, May 13, 10:00 a.m., in-person/virtual

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

The PowerPoint presentations are available upon request. Please contact jdouglas@cityofsalem.net. You may view the recorded meeting at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1fphmnFNSg>

7. Adjourn

Next Meeting: July 8, 2024

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