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To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: City meeting public comment
Date: Monday, February 14, 2022 1:58:57 PM
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State	OR
Zip	97301
Message	<p>I am writing to voice my support for Agenda item 5.b. 22-44, the following motion from Councilor Tom Andersen, "I move that City Council, at the earliest possible date, hold a public hearing on the draft Salem Climate Action Plan followed by Council deliberation on the Plan." I live in ward 1, as do my children and two of my grandchildren. I moved here to be closer to my grandchildren and also to reduce my carbon footprint. At this point in my life the most important thing to me is to leave a habitable planet for future generations. We can do that with planning or we can wait for the economic and social collapse that the climate crisis will cause. The latter is not a legacy I want to leave behind. This is clearly a time to, "think globally and act locally." The climate crisis is a globally crisis with local and global causes and effects. Acting locally can be a very effective way to address climate issues at the root, by making it easier for individuals to make climate friendly choices. Acting locally, especially in the USA, which has a high per capita carbon footprint, is not only the right thing to do, it is a chance to plant seeds that may take root in other communities. It is time for Salem to follow the many other cities that have taken similar actions.</p>

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From: [Kim Davis](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Support for 5b 22-44
Date: Saturday, February 12, 2022 11:29:38 AM

I am writing in support of Councilor Anderson's motion to hold a public hearing on the City's Climate Action Plan which was proposed for early 2022. I fully agree that we must schedule the public hearing that had been proposed to be completed by 'early 2022'). This City needs to adopt this much overdue CAP to guide the City in all aspects of its work. The studies are in, the research is well known, and further delays in full implementation are unconscionable. While City elected and employed members change with time, the known and felt realities regarding global warming won't evaporate with shifting political ideologies. We need to adopt a plan that will hold all future staff and government officials responsible for its implementation.

Kim Davis
Ward 4

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of lauriedougherty@gmail.com
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Zip	97301
Message	<p>Mayor Bennett and Councilors, My name is Laurie Dougherty. I live in Ward 1. I'm a member of 350 Salem OR, local chapter of international climate Justice network 350.org. I support Councilor Andersen's resolution 5.b on today's agenda to hold a public hearing and Council deliberation on the draft Climate Action Plan as soon as possible. Five years ago I made a short presentation to our 350 Salem Oregon chapter about why Salem should have a Climate Action Plan (CAP). (I still have the outline on my laptop.) Cities, including cities in Oregon, were taking measures to confront the climate crisis. Focusing mainly on Oregon, we began researching what other cities were doing. At the same time Salem embarked on a new Strategic Plan. We saw that as an opportunity to make climate action a Salem priority. We engaged with the Strategic Plan effort, showing up at Council Meetings, Work Sessions, and community workshops; and we met with City Councilors and staff to share what we had learned about cities and climate change. The Strategic Plan opened the way for a CAP, but also opened up a revision of the long range Comprehensive Plan for Growth and Development, known as Our Salem. How and where a city develops impacts transportation options and energy use - the main factors in our greenhouse gas emissions. So we also dug deep into Our Salem to urge attention to climate change in coordination with the CAP. We track planning, zoning, and budget issues. Our members are activists and policy analysts. We educate ourselves and our supporters. We show up and we don't quit. We know we are up against powerful interests who are determined to maintain business as usual - meaning a free hand for fossil fuels, development without constraints, and pandering to our car-obsessed culture. Business as usual gets us wildfires, excessive heat, and drought interrupted by powerful storms, high winds, and flooding. Salem has a choice: we can continue with business as usual or we can transform our city into one that is safer, cleaner, healthier, and prepared to weather the impacts of climate change that are already happening. Mayor Bennett, I was appalled but not surprised that in your recent State of the City address you neglected to even mention the Climate Action Plan or climate change. This was an insult to those who have worked long and hard to develop the CAP and to the people of Salem who deserve to a chance to give the CAP a fair hearing. You have allied yourself with the forces of business as usual. You are on the wrong side of</p>

history. The CAP is not just a random collection of actions ripe for cherry picking. It systematically examines how climate change is affecting our lives and our community. It offers a set of policies and practices to confront this crisis with fairness, commitment, and bold imagination. Councilors, I urge you to just look up with courage and awareness and say yes to Councilor Andersen's motion. Thank you..

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Message	I fully support Councilor Tom Andersen's motion that to hold a public hearing on the draft Salem Climate Action Plan followed by Council deliberation on the Plan at the earliest possible date. Local action is crucial to build momentum for mitigating climate catastrophe.

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Your Name	Peter Bergel
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Street	1850 Saginaw St S
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97302
Message	<p>My name is Peter Bergel. I live at 1850 Saginaw St. S, Salem, OR 97302. I am writing today in support of motion 22-44, Councilor Andersen's proposal that the Council hold a public hearing on the draft Salem Climate Action Plan followed by Council deliberation on the Plan. This plan has been in process for a long time already and time is running out for humans to take action to mitigate climate change. There is virtually no respectable scientific disagreement on this point, so it is incumbent on every governmental body to take thorough and expeditious action in response. Understanding this, most US cities the size of Salem (and many smaller) have climate action plans, so Salem is already behind in discharging its responsibility in this area. I understand that there are commercial enterprises which stand to lose as we adapt to the demands of climate change, but we cannot allow that to prevent us from taking action to preserve a livable planet for everyone. Please pass motion 22-44 and let us keep on track to create a Salem Climate Action Plan. Peter Bergel</p>

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From: [Phil Carver](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Comment on agenda item Item 5b. for 2/14/2022
Date: Friday, February 11, 2022 10:31:54 AM

Agenda item 5b.
COMMENTS from 350 Salem Oregon to
the City Council for 2/14//2022 meeting

Thank you, Councilor Andersen for the motion to address the need for a public hearing and a Council decision on the final draft Climate Action Plan. The comments below do not address specific strategies. If the motion is approved, 350 Salem will participate in the public hearing.

More than 2,500 local and regional governments worldwide are committed to sustainable urban development. Most of these have formally adopted climate action plans (CAPs). All Oregon cities as large as Salem have adopted CAPs, and so have many smaller Oregon cities. Many U.S. states and the federal government have taken several important steps to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, but cities are still the leaders in the U.S.

Cities have been leaders on climate action in most countries. These cities have stepped up because they recognize that they all share major responsibility for the climate crisis, and therefore have a moral obligation to contribute to the solution. Point of fact, there are many climate mitigation strategies that cities are best, or even uniquely positioned, to implement.

Because reducing GHG emissions generally means reduced pollution from fossil fuels, there are huge health benefits from climate action. Cities are where air pollution problems are the worst and where the reduced pollution has the most benefits.

The climate crisis is real and widely recognized. What Salem needs is clear leadership, good analysis of strategies, implementation and above all, effective public communication. The City has completed the first two steps. It has appropriate GHG reduction goals and a good analysis of issues and strategies in the final draft CAP.

A public hearing and Council adoption of a CAP are key decision-making and communication steps. The Council needs to communicate a clear vision of action to its staff and to the community.

The draft plan calls for actions to be phased in over time. Given the urgency of the climate crisis, it's important to begin now. A public hearing on the CAP is needed to establish why all major actions are necessary and to assess timing. Further outreach and dialogue after adoption will be needed.

Adopting the plan does not implement particular strategies. Future Council decisions will set timelines and the specifics of each strategy. Reducing GHG emissions is complex and there are many issues involved. Working through public concerns and adjusting strategies will be part of the process of implementing an approved plan.

Perhaps the most important effect of adopting the plan is to shift how City staff approach all their work. By adopting the plan the Council will set policy to guide staff. By adopting its GHG reduction goals the Council encouraged staff to focus the recent draft land use amendments (Our Salem) on reducing emissions. Now, a strongly worded adoption of the draft CAP is needed to shift how every City department operates.

The City has many important goals. Still, 50 or so years from now Salem residents will likely look back on this era through the lens of having seen unprecedented heat waves, droughts, wildfires, ice storms, floods and other climate-caused disasters. Our legacy will depend on the level of moral courage we display in meeting the challenge of reducing GHG emissions. The City Council needs to direct every staff person to honor this vision every day.

350 Salem asks that the Council vote on Feb. 14 in favor of Councilor Andersen's motion to keep your promise to the community and the Task Force and hold a hearing and deliberate on the final draft Climate Action Plan.

Philip H. Carver, Ph.D.
Co-coordinator 350 Salem Oregon

From: [Phil Carver](#)
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Subject: Re: Comment on agenda item Item 5b. for 2/14/2022
Date: Friday, February 11, 2022 10:44:52 AM

Addendum to 350 Salem comments on Agenda item 5b.

In the 2/14 Council agenda in the attachment to agenda item 5c., under item 2 the Policy Plan notes"

"Coordinate and implement strategies in the Climate Action Plan, following public hearing and approval"

This statement emphasizes the planned intent by the City to hold a public hearing and Council deliberation on the CAP.

Philip Carver
350 Salem Oregon, Co-coordinator

On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 10:31 AM Phil Carver <philiphcarver@gmail.com> wrote:

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Co-coordinator 350 Salem Oregon

From: [Ray Quisenberry](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Agenda items 5.a and 5.b
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2022 2:20:41 PM

Dear Mayor and City Council

I want to voice my support for agenda item 5.a., the 20 is Plenty Resolution from Councilor Stapleton. This will improve safety in our neighborhoods, and do so at a very modest cost.

I'm also in support of agenda item 5.b, the motion by Councilor Anderson to approve the Draft Climate Action Plan and call for public hearings. This is crucial to the health of our city, and frankly, everyone on the planet.

Thank you

Ray Quisenberry
Ward 1

Sent from my iPad

From: [Sarah Deumling](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: city council agenda items 5a and 5b
Date: Friday, February 11, 2022 7:15:44 AM

February 11, 2022

To: Mayor Bennett and City Councilors

My name is Sarah Deumling and my house is in Ward 8 at 2667 Orchard Heights Rd. NW. I am writing in support of Councilor Andersen's motion to hold a public hearing on the Climate Action Plan (CAP). A lot of time, money and energy has been spent to create this most important document. Salem is playing catch-up with other similarly sized cities in Oregon on this front and speed in addressing climate change is of the essence.

Cities are much more manageable units than nations or states and have the opportunity to be nimble and successful in reducing GHG emissions. We are well on the way with our CAP and I urge you to hold a hearing, accept the CAP and get to work with great urgency to implement it. Suffice it to say that if we don't have a livable state all the other issues city council deals with won't really matter in the long run.

On a related issue I would like to express my support for the "20 is Plenty" project - a straightforward way to begin making Salem a healthier, safer and more livable city.

Thank you for your good work.

Sincerely,
Sarah Deumling

From: [Thomas Ellis](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: Support for Councilor Andersen's motion on CAP
Date: Friday, February 11, 2022 9:43:46 PM

To whom it may concern:

I enthusiastically support Councilor Tom Andersen's motion for deliberation and a vote on the Salem Climate Action Plan as a whole prior to any discussion of implementation strategies. This plan, developed over the past year by stakeholders from a wide range of constituencies throughout the city, was specifically designated last November to be considered for approval by the City Council "in early 2022." It is a coherent plan, with benchmarks to gauge our progress toward specific goals for reducing carbon emissions by half in 2035 and achieving carbon neutrality by 2050. It is *not* simply a random wish list of suggestions, to be implemented or ignored at will. If the Climate Action Plan is not approved by Council, it will no longer have any binding legal status at all thereafter.

Yet, as we all know, the climate crisis is already upon us, and is getting more dangerous by the year. This is no time for waffling! I am therefore strongly urging Council to APPROVE Councilor Andersen's motion to adhere to the original goal of the Climate Action Plan by enacting it into a legally binding instrument to guide the City of Salem in taking decisive action to mitigate this existential crisis we all face--before it is far too late.

Sincerely,

Thomas I. Ellis

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"Everything that lives is Holy." --William Blake