

RESOLUTION NO. 1717

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOLDEN CITY COUNCIL
ENDORING THE SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE OF THE
METRO MAYORS CAUCUS AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR
TO SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

WHEREAS, the Metro Mayors Caucus developed the attached Memorandum of Understanding listing 24 voluntary actions that municipalities can take to promote energy efficiency and conservation; and

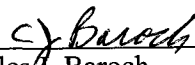
WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City Of Golden was actively involved in the development of this MOU; and

WHEREAS, the Golden City Council is committed to developing a unique and far-reaching sustainability and energy conservation program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDEN, COLORADO:

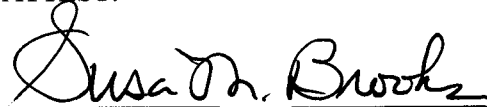
Section 1. The City Council directs and authorizes Mayor Baroch to sign the Metro Mayors Caucus Memorandum of Understanding.

Adopted the 26th day of October, 2006.



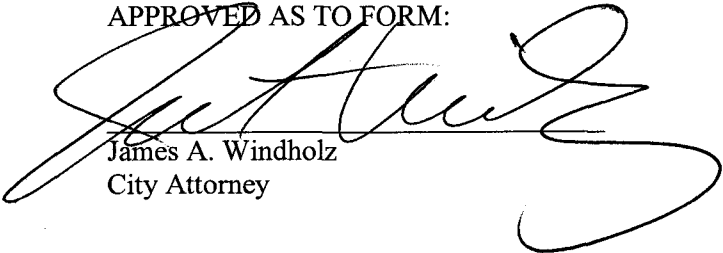
Charles D. Baroch
Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan M. Brooks, MMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



James A. Windholz
City Attorney

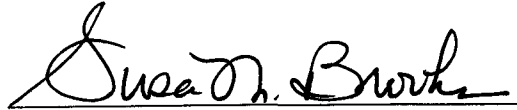
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I, Susan M. Brooks, City Clerk of the City of Golden, Colorado, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a certain Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Golden, Colorado at a regular meeting thereof held on the 26th day of October, A.D., 2006.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Susan M. Brooks", written over a horizontal line.

Susan M. Brooks, City Clerk of the City of
Golden, Colorado

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is made and entered into this _____ day of November 2006, by and among the local governments in the Denver Colorado metropolitan area, bodies politic organized under and existing by virtue of the laws of the State of Colorado.

WHEREAS, the Metro Mayors Caucus has previously adopted strong policy resolutions calling for municipalities to protect and enhance the quality of life in the metro area; and

WHEREAS, energy efficiency and conservation provide measurable environmental benefits in the form of reduced pollutant emissions and decreased consumption of finite energy resources while offering the opportunity for substantial cost savings to local governments, industry and taxpayers and creating high quality local jobs and boosting local economic development; and

WHEREAS, through application of best practices and available technology, the United States can produce the same amount of gross domestic product as currently produced, using significantly less energy and without lowering our current quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation identifies energy efficiency programs as an important opportunity for the Denver Metro Area to realize substantial economic and environmental benefits and to assume a national leadership position in the area of energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, in November 2004, Colorado's voters voiced solid support for reducing Colorado's dependency on non-renewable energy sources by passing Amendment 37; and

WHEREAS, local governments are in a unique position to provide consumer education and access to information and other resources which are crucial first steps in attaining the economic and environmental benefits of increased energy efficiency, as well as preserving and enhancing our quality of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the undersigned mayors (hereinafter referred to as we) endorse and uphold the principles of stewardship and our fiduciary responsibilities. To further these principles, we intend to take voluntary actions, individually or collectively. Such actions may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. To Improve Our Municipal Operations....

- a. Assessing energy efficiency opportunities in municipal operations and in the community, setting energy efficiency targets and creating an action plan;
- b. Retrofitting municipal facilities with energy efficient technologies and urging employees to practice energy conservation;
- c. Purchasing *Energy Star* equipment and appliances for municipal use, and encouraging our citizens to do the same;
- d. Evaluating opportunities to increase pump efficiency in water and wastewater systems and recovering wastewater treatment methane for energy production;
- e. Recovering landfill methane for energy production;

- f. Increasing precycling and recycling rates in municipal operations and in the community;
- g. Incorporating energy efficiency in municipal operations wherever feasible and cost effective, including but not limited to the following: (a) in the retrofit of existing buildings, include improvements in design, lighting, and heating/cooling systems; (b) replacement of traditional street lighting and traffic signals with more efficient light fixtures and traffic signal synchronization; (c) incorporation of energy efficiency features in new government buildings;
- h. Implementing alternatives wherever feasible and cost effective, that will reduce fuel consumption in municipal operations, including but not limited to the following: increasing average fuel economy of municipal fleet vehicles; launching an employee education program, including anti-idling messages; converting diesel vehicles to alternate fuels; and exploring early adoption of emerging technologies such as plug-in hybrids and alternatively fueled vehicles.

2. To Educate Our Citizens...

- a. Leading or assisting citizen, school, institutional, professional, business and industry educational campaigns about the benefits of energy efficiency and conservation;
- b. Facilitating dissemination of information on the availability and cost-effectiveness of energy efficient products and services, and how businesses and individuals may participate in energy efficiency programs;
- c. Coordinating programs and services that connect individuals and businesses to energy efficiency resources at the national, state and local levels;
- d. Promoting alternative transportation options such as walking and cycling, and use of transit;

3. To Collaborate with Others...

- a. Working with agencies such as the Regional Transportation District and the Denver Regional Council of Governments to promote commuter trip reduction programs, and incentives for car pooling and use of transit;
- b. Working with others to establish educational programs, websites and other methods for providing information on energy efficiency, permit requirements, incentives, rebates and services;
- c. Encouraging government agencies, utilities, developers and others to implement programs that offer opportunities and incentives for the efficient use of energy, such as (a) efficient lighting, (b) energy-saving design and construction of new buildings and homes, (c) analysis and renovation of existing buildings and homes to optimize performance and reduce energy requirements, and (d) replacement on an as-needed basis of energy inefficient equipment and lighting;
- d. Encouraging utilities to establish rate structures and incentives that encourage energy efficiency;
- e. Working in cooperation with other jurisdictions to promote the concept of sustainability in multi-jurisdictional projects and initiatives;

4. To Establish Programs and Policies...

- a. Making energy efficiency a priority within the community through building code improvements;
- b. Supporting the use of waste-to-energy technology;
- c. Providing free or low-cost services, such as free lighting assessment or design assistance for individuals or small businesses;
- d. Promoting the use of life-cycle cost analysis in development and landscaping practices, including mitigating market impediments;
- e. Promoting sustainable residential, commercial and industrial building practices using recognized standards and certification programs;
- f. Amending regulations, fee structures, permitting procedures and planning decisions to promote energy efficient technologies and standards;
- g. Supporting efforts to pass or strengthen legislation that (1) promotes energy efficiency and conservation, and (2) provides incentives for investment in efficient and clean energy technologies.

Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be effective and which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Signed on _____