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Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Montgomery and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Sona Kalapura, Environmental Programs Manager

DATE: November 18, 2008

SUBJECT: Consideration of a Resolution Declaring Support for an Energy Partnership Between Southern California Edison and the South Bay Cities Council of Governments

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve and adopt Resolution No. 6165 in order to support an energy partnership between Southern California Edison and the South Bay Cities Council of Governments.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

There are no fiscal implications associated with the recommended action.

BACKGROUND:

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) is entering into a contract with Southern California Edison (SCE) and the Gas Company to continue its environmental services programs for the next three years (2009 to 2011). SCE requires each city within the Local Government Partnership Program (Partnership) to pass a resolution which confirms the partnership, and endorses the goals of the program.

DISCUSSION:

Local demand for electricity has grown substantially, and it is expected that demand for electricity will continue to grow in the near future to support a growing population. To best meet this demand, energy efficient programs are available that will enhance our environment by improving air quality, reducing pollution, and conserving natural resources.

The City, along with other California communities and businesses, has made a commitment to improve everyday practices in order to create a more sustainable, “greener” community. The Partnership notes that it is vital for our community to encourage innovations in the way we behave, build, and incorporate energy into our everyday business and personal lives.

The Partnership creates awareness of energy efficiency best practices and implements business and

community projects that save energy, money and the environment (e.g. direct installation of energy-efficient equipment, energy audits, seminars, etc.).

The intent of the Partnership is for the City, working with the SBCCOG, through the operation of its Environmental Services Center, will utilize the SCE Local Government Partnership Program to advance the City's customer service and sustainability goals.

By supporting the Partnership, the City, working with the SBCCOG, seeks to promote innovative methods and state-of-the-art technologies in order to bring our energy and natural resource consumption in line with our sustainability goals.

By supporting the Partnership, the City will also ensure that as one of the cities of the SBCCOG, it follows and encourages sustainable policies and practices.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 6165 to support and endorse the Local Government Partnership as an effective method to help meet long-term economic and environmental goals.

Attachments: A. Draft Resolution No. 6165

cc: Lindy Coe-Juell, Assistant to the City Manager
Liza Tamura, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 6165

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THE CITY'S SUPPORT FOR AN ENERGY PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON AND THE SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, the City Council supports "energy efficiency" initiatives, policies, and construction standards in order to ensure that as one of the cities of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, it follows and encourages sustainable policies and practices; and

WHEREAS, new housing starts and population growth in California are considerably higher than past history, and are expected to outpace the national average through the year 2010; and

WHEREAS, local demand for electricity has grown substantially, and it is expected that demand for electricity will continue to grow in the near future to support a growing population and;

WHEREAS, since most residents and businesses spend an increasing amount on their energy bills it makes economic sense and good public policy to encourage energy efficiency where ever possible in the cities of the South Bay and:

WHEREAS energy efficient programs enhance our environment by improving air quality, reducing pollution, and conserving natural resources; and

WHEREAS, it is vital for our community to keep dollars local and to encourage innovations in the way we behave, build, and incorporate energy into our everyday business and personal lives; and

WHEREAS, there is movement within the California communities and businesses to improve everyday practices and to create more sustainable and "greener" cities; and

WHEREAS, the City, working with and through the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, seeks to promote innovative methods and state-of-the-art technologies used in the design and construction of new residential buildings within the city, in order to bring our energy and natural resource consumption in line with our sustainability goals; and

WHEREAS, the City, working with the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, through the operation of its Environmental Services Center, will utilize the SCE Local Government Partnership Program to advance the city's customer service goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY DECLARE, FIND, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach hereby makes the following findings:

1. That the above recitations are true and correct.
2. That the City of Manhattan Beach supports a commitment to sustainable practices through energy efficiency, and will work with the South Bay Cities Council of governments to provide leadership and guidance in promoting, facilitating, and instituting such practices in the community.
3. That the City of Manhattan Beach supports and endorses the Local Government Partnership that the South Bay Cities Council of Governments has entered into on their behalf as an effective method to help meet long-term community economic and environmental goals.

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SECTION 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and thenceforth and thereafter the same shall be in full force and effect.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 18th day of November, 2008.

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Mayor, City of Manhattan Beach, California

ATTEST:

City Clerk