

## COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: Clerk of the Council of the City of Charleston, West Virginia

FROM: Council Committee on Environment and Recycling,

Your Committee on Environment and Recycling,

has had under consideration : Resolution No. 386-20: Establishing a Green Team to provide recommendations to the City Administration and City Council's Environment & Recycling Committee.

Bruce King (via phone)  
Ben Adams (via phone)  
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and reports the same to Council with the recommendation that the committee report be adopted.

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John Kennedy Bailey

Chairman

Resolution No. 386-20

Introduced in Council:

Adopted by Council:

October 19, 2020

Introduced by:

Referred to:

John Kennedy Bailey

Environment & Recycling

1 Resolution No. 386-20 - Establishing a Green Team to provide recommendations to the  
2 City Administration and City Council's Environment & Recycling Committee.

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4 WHEREAS, the City of Charleston is committed to providing a healthy, safe, and  
5 sustainable community seeking to optimize quality of life for its residents by assuring clean  
6 land, air and water, improving working and living environments, and responsibly managing  
7 waste, while conserving taxpayer funds; and

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9 WHEREAS, the City of Charleston wishes to establish a Green Team that will lead  
10 the charge to help the City of Charleston save money and at the same time leverage the  
11 skills, expertise, and life experience of the team members to recommend and develop  
12 policies and plans, collaborate on the implementation of programs, and assist with  
13 educational opportunities to maximize sustainability.

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15 Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Council of the City of Charleston, West Virginia:

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17 That a Green Team is hereby established to provide recommendations to the City  
18 Administration and City Council's Environment & Recycling Committee on the sound  
19 development and management of the City of Charleston's sustainability initiatives and  
20 promoting their benefits.

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22 The Green Team shall consist of seven (7) residents of the City of Charleston who shall be  
23 appointed by the Mayor with input from the Environment & Recycling Committee. Members  
24 shall be subject to removal by the Mayor or by the Green Team itself, by a majority vote.  
25 Members of the Green Team shall continue to serve until their replacements are appointed.  
26 Four members of the Green Team constitutes a quorum.

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28 No more than two residents on the Green Team may live in the same ward. No more than  
29 two members of the Green Team may be employees of the City of Charleston or elected  
30 officials with the City of Charleston. The Mayor shall appoint members who are diverse in  
31 race, gender, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

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33 The Green Team shall elect a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, and a Secretary from its  
34 membership. If any of these positions become vacant, an election to fill the position shall be  
35 held at the Green Team's next meeting, provided that all Green Team members have been

1 informed of the vacancy at least one (1) week before such meeting. The Chair of the  
2 Environment & Recycling Committee and the Director of Public Works shall serve as non-  
3 voting *ex officio* members of the Green Team.  
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5 The Green Team shall meet at a minimum every three months at times and places to be  
6 determined by the Green Team and shall hold additional meetings as it deems necessary  
7 to perform its functions. The meetings of the Green Team shall be open to the public and  
8 posted publicly in advance of the meeting, in accordance with the West Virginia Open  
9 Governmental Proceedings Law (W.Va. Code § 6-9A-1, *et seq.*). The agendas shall be  
10 prepared by the Chairperson. The Chairperson of the Committee shall preside over all  
11 meetings, and, in the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall preside.  
12 When both the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson are absent, the Secretary to the  
13 Committee shall preside. Minutes shall be taken at each meeting and provided to the City  
14 Clerk for archiving.  
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16 The Green Team's responsibilities shall include:  
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18 1. Periodically, or at the request of the Mayor or the Chair of the Environment &  
19 Recycling Committee, provide advice on the development of regulations or policies that  
20 benefit or pertain to sustainability;  
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22 2. Investigate appropriate and cost-effective opportunities for implementing  
23 energy efficiency measures in all aspects of Charleston's public buildings, including  
24 benchmarking, operational changes and changes in maintenance or capital improvements;  
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26 3. Facilitate Charleston residents reducing environmental impacts through  
27 recycling, energy use, and other appropriate measures;  
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29 4. Research and facilitate the use of clean, renewable energy within the City;  
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31 5. Identify appropriate federal and state incentive and grant programs that  
32 provide opportunities for sustainability;  
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34 6. Engage in community outreach and education on sustainability initiatives and  
35 events.  
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37 The Green Team shall make all of its recommendations in writing and direct them to the  
38 Mayor, the City Manager, the Director of Public Works, and the Chair of the Environment &  
39 Recycling Committee. The Green Team shall not have the authority to direct the City staff  
40 to take any action. In making recommendations, the Green Team shall provide an analysis  
41 of the estimated or potential costs and benefits of any recommended changes or policies.  
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