

Call to Order (roll call)

Members Present: Aileen Lee, April Anair, Johann George, Mike Salameh, Vrinda Bhandarkar, Anand Ranganathan

Council Liaison: George Tyson

Staff: Jay Bradford, Community Development Director

Agenda Review

No changes

Public Comment

No comments

Minutes Approval:

A. [June Regular Meeting](#)

Moved by Mike, Seconded by Vrinda, Unanimously approved

Reach Codes

- Vrinda: Town qualifies for reach code update. Plan is to require Bi-directional heat pumps on installation of outdoor unit. Indoor may stay the same
- Anand: What are the cost considerations. Flexibility for permit-issuing departments to make exceptions for specific cases?
- Jay: Not expect much cost differential
- Mike: Will prepare a crisp answer to this question, will work with Tony Eulo on this.
- Jay: Will prepare building code updates presentation including reach codes, multifamily electrification, and removal of hazardous electrical panels for the next meeting.
- Mike: Prepare clear cost comparison information for the September 18th presentation, including specific numbers rather than general statements about heat pump installation costs.
- Jay: Gather Council's feedback on reach code proposals and return to the committee with refined information.
- Jay: Include greenhouse gas emissions discussion on the next agenda. Plan is to bring these up after the GHG inventory is presented to council
- Mike: Mike will be presenting the greenhouse gas inventory to the Town Council at the September meeting. Will provide Jay with his slides.
- Jay: Also working on codes for multi-family
- Anand: Multi-family units should be all electric, preferably no gas connection incoming at all.

GHG Inventory

- Mike [previewed his presentation](#) to council.
- Government operations have reduced emissions by 65% since 2005, while community emissions are down 22%.
- The town is ahead of its 2030 target for government emissions but not on track for community emissions.
- Key opportunities for further reductions include converting more police and employee vehicles to EVs, electrifying more buildings, and reducing residential gas heating.
- Need to continue pressuring Foothill College to proceed with their planned heat pump pool heating system rather than using natural gas.
- Adding environmental articles to the town newsletter to educate residents about climate action opportunities.
- Anand: Reminder to Jay regarding collecting data points for 24 and 25 inventory that are currently unavailable: air travel by council and mileage by private security.
- Anand: Expect government emissions to go up in 25 due to these additional activities
- Mike to continue refining presentation over next few weeks as he talks to council members etc.
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Subcommittee Updates:

Outreach

- Mike: Trying more provocative approaches, limited success
- Jay: Working on finalizing a contract for ongoing assessments.

Foothill College

No updates

Water Conservation

WELO sailed through the first reading at council. Got a more liberal ordinance than what had been proposed by committees. Yay!

Council Update

None

Agenda Requests for Next Meeting

- Reach Codes

Adjournment

Adjourned at 8pm