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Interoffice Memorandum

To: Marlon Brown, Deputy City Manager
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Department Directors

From: Tom Barwin, City Manager

Subject: Environmental Preservation/Sustainability Goals – Fleet Directive

Goal #1 in the City Commission's adopted Strategic Plan related to Environmental Preservation and Sustainability is:

RECOGNIZE THE VITAL ROLE SARASOTA'S NATURAL RESOURCES PLAY IN A HEALTHY COMMUNITY AND ECONOMY, AND IMPLEMENT PROJECTS AND POLICIES THAT SUSTAIN THEM

Key action steps to implement this goal include supporting renewable energy, embracing multi-modal/alternative transportation options and other proactive measures to climate impacts that threaten our natural resources.

Through our climate adaptation planning process and greenhouse gas reporting, staff and consultants have identified transportation sector emissions as responsible for fully 37% of all emissions being released into the environment from within City boundaries. A majority of these are transportation-related emissions from gas powered vehicles. Further research has indicated that the city vehicle fleet of 584 vehicles is responsible for over 10% of the total yearly municipal operations' emissions emanating from within the city.

For this reason, I am directing that a team be organized to put together a strategy and plan to have at least 90% of all city vehicle purchases or leases be of electrical vehicles beginning within five years of this date, and to attempt to do so within current vehicle budget parameters.

This directive/goal includes all city vehicles, including police vehicles, light trucks, and if the industry evolves shall also include heavy vehicles when possible. I am hopeful the vehicle industry will be responsive to responding to our and perhaps a broader potential municipal market.

As environmental leaders in the State of Florida with tremendous natural resources, natural beauty and an environmentally sensitive economy to protect and enhance, achieving this goal is worth striving for albeit our efforts will require alignment with an evolving industry and economic realities.

I am confident our talented and dedicated staff can accomplish this goal.

cc: Mayor and City Commissioners
Robert Fournier, City Attorney
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