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Agenda Information Sheet

DEPARTMENT: Environmental Services & Sustainability

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SUBJECT

Consider approval of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas designating Denton, Texas a Bee City USA®; providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND

The City of Denton already takes part in numerous measures to promote pollinator awareness, education and the establishment of habitat. Examples include the annual Honey Run, introductory beekeeping workshops, pollinator garden and organic gardening workshops, partnering with the University of North Texas to promote the establishment of pollinator habitat and responsible mowing practices on some city property, such as Clear Creek Natural Heritage Center. Becoming an affiliate of Bee City, USA would further demonstrate the City's commitment to environmentally responsible practices.

OPTIONS

1. Approve Resolution to allow the City of Denton to become a Bee City USA.
2. Direct staff to consider alternatives.

RECOMMENDATION

Sustainability staff recommend approval of Resolution.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

Bee City Resolution and Ordinance draft presented to Committee on the Environment April 4, 2016.
City Council Informal Staff Report 2016-046, June 10, 2016.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELATIONSHIP

The City of Denton's Strategic Plan is an action-oriented road map that will help the City achieve its vision. The foundation for the plan is the five long-term Key Focus Areas (KFA): Organizational Excellence; Public Infrastructure; Economic Development; Safe, Livable, and Family-Friendly Community; and Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship. While individual items may support multiple KFAs, this specific City Council

agenda item contributes most directly to the following KFA and goal:

Related Key Focus Area: Sustainable & Environmental Stewardship
Related Goal: 5.7 Encourage local food production

EXHIBITS

1. Resolution

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