

# **Living Green Task Force Charter**

**ITS RESPONSIBILITY:** The Living Green Task Force (“Task Force”) was established to define and promote “Living Green” for the City.

**LIVING GREEN** means making wise, deliberate decisions with our resources. Living Green is a commitment to operate through the lens of good stewardship for our people, our planet and for prosperity both today and into the future.

**VISION:** The Task Force will recommend, support and promote practices that encourage the City, residents, businesses and civic organizations to Live Green.

The Living Green Task Force will champion the development and implementation of Living Green by:

- Assisting City Council and the administration identify strategies that protect our environmental, social and economic resources
- Educating the community about Living Green
- Recommending initiatives and programs to enable the City to promote change in a sustainable manner
- Maximizing the use of community resources

## **TASK FORCE COMPOSITION AND GOVERNANCE:**

- **Membership** – The Task Force shall be comprised of no more than 11 members, two of which shall be appointed from the City administration and one from City Council. Members shall be appointed by the Mayor.
- **Leadership** – The Task Force shall be led by two persons elected chairman and vice-chairman. At its January meeting, every year, the Task Force shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman.
- **Meetings** – Regular Task Force meetings shall be held every third Thursday of each month at 6:30pm unless otherwise scheduled.
- **Review** – The Task Force shall review the Charter and goals every three years to ensure strategic goals and leadership are current.
- **Annual Reporting** – The Task Force shall submit an annual status report to the Mayor by December 31 of each year.

## **STRATEGIC GOALS:**

- Assist in the development of a Living Green Plan and a measurement process to monitor its implementation and progress
- Develop an educational strategy to promote Living Green
- Assist the Administration in identifying locations and strategies to implement green infrastructure projects
- Assist the administration in developing strategies to identify Living Green practices among business, residents and community groups
- Develop annual goals