

RESOLUTION NO. 050301-48

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2004, the City of Austin City Council directed Austin Energy to investigate the feasibility of the future integration of the electric and transportation sectors; and

WHEREAS, preliminary research by Austin Energy has shown that electric fuel for transportation would have a lower cost than fossil fuels and would result in fewer emissions in the Austin area; and

WHEREAS, the use of electric fuel in transportation will provide Austin Energy with increased revenue and desirable increased night time load; and

WHEREAS, Austin has joined the Electric Power Research Institute in their research and development of flexible-fuel plug-in hybrid vehicles, and Austin will receive such a vehicle for testing in late 2006; **NOW**,

THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Manager is directed to develop a program to create incentives to encourage the future purchase of flexible-fuel plug-in hybrid vehicles by Austin Energy customers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

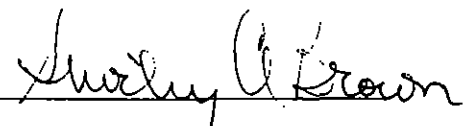
That the City of Austin makes a commitment to support local, state and federal policies that will promote flexible-fuel plug-in hybrid vehicles; and the City of Austin will initiate, through active leadership and outreach, an effort to establish similar incentive programs in the 50 largest cities in the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Austin City Council requests the help of the environmental community and the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce to advocate for the future purchase of flexible-fuel plug-in hybrid vehicles.

ADOPTED: March 3, 2005

ATTEST:


Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk