

HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 20-_____

Introduced by Council Member _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE DEFAULT ENERGY PRODUCT PREFERENCES TO EAST BAY COMMUNITY ENERGY (EBCE)

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2016, the City of Hayward City Council adopted Ordinance 16-21 authorizing Hayward's participation in Alameda County's Community Choice Energy program known as East Bay Community Energy (EBCE); and

WHEREAS, EBCE launched in 2018 with three electricity products:

- Bright Choice – The default for most communities. Cleaner electricity and 1.5% lower rates than PG&E.
- Brilliant 100 – 100% carbon free electricity at rates equal to PG&E.
- Renewable 100 – 100% renewable electricity for one penny per kWh more than PG&E rates; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2018, Council voted to designate Brilliant 100 as the default product for all non-residential customers in Hayward and Brilliant 100 for all municipal facilities; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2018, Council voted to designate Brilliant 100 as the default product for residential customers and that all Hayward income-qualified customers enrolled in the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE), Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA), and Medical Baseline programs will be enrolled in Bright Choice; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hayward General Plan includes policy NR-2.4 (Community Greenhouse Gas Reduction), includes the following goals to reduce community-based GHG emissions:

- reduce emissions by 20% below 2005 levels by 2020
- reduce emissions by 30% below 2005 levels by 2025
- reduce emissions by 55% below 2005 levels by 2030
- work with the community to develop a plan that may result in the reduction of community-based GHG emissions to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045.; and

WHEREAS, the enrollment of Hayward customers in Brilliant 100 electricity since 2018 has contributed to the achievement of Hayward's 2020 GHG reduction goal two years early; and

WHEREAS, Hayward customers have the ability to choose their preferred electricity product regardless of the default chosen for the community; and

WHEREAS, EBCE is making changes to the product offerings and may increase the rates for Brilliant 100; and

WHEREAS, all Hayward customers enrolled in the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE), Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA), and Medical Baseline programs will continue to receive discounted rates and will remain enrolled in Bright Choice; and

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2020, the Council Sustainability Committee discussed the product options and provided recommended rankings of those options; and

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2020, the Council Sustainability Committee unanimously recommended Hayward's municipal accounts be switched to Renewable 100; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2020, the EBCE Board of Directors is expected to vote on the following options:

- Changes to Brilliant 100 service option (i.e., increase rate 2-5%; or discontinue option); or maintain status quo (i.e., subsidize); and
- Accepting a nuclear allocation to create a new, carbon free option at price parity with PG&E for customers within self-selecting cities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hayward hereby provides the following ranked preferences for the default product for all customers in Hayward currently enrolled in Brilliant 100:

1. Brilliant 100 with subsidy
2. 100% carbon free product with nuclear to expire at the end of 2022
3. Brilliant 100 with rate increase
4. Bright Choice
5. Renewable 100; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Hayward income-qualified customers enrolled in the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE), Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA), and Medical Baseline programs remain enrolled in Bright Choice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all eligible City of Hayward municipal accounts be enrolled in Renewable 100.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA _____, 2020

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
 MAYOR:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ATTEST: _____
 City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney of the City of Hayward