DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REGARDING INCENTIVES FOR ASSESSING ENERGY USAGE AND MAKING ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS TO BUILDINGS IN KANSAS CITY.

WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City, Missouri (City) desires to promote energy efficiency improvements to buildings in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has actively participated in a City Energy Project Advisory Committee (CEPAC) comprised of more than 20 representatives of a broad range of stakeholders, including building owners/managers, universities, hospitals, engineering and construction firms, labor, the business community, the City’s Environmental Management Commission and Climate Protection Steering Committee, non-profit organizations, Mid-America Regional Council and the U.S. General Services Administration; and

WHEREAS, the CEPAC has been providing feedback regarding energy benchmarking since December 2014; and

WHEREAS, lack of access to financial and technical resources to perform energy audits and to determine cost-effective energy efficiency improvements have been identified as potential impediments to building owners taking such actions; and

WHEREAS, some of the CEPAC participants have requested that the City consider incentives to promote energy efficiency improvements to local buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to receive information from City staff regarding current incentives available to building owners and future incentives that might be provided to building owners for energy efficiency improvements; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the City Manager is directed to provide, within 120 days of the effective date of this resolution, a report to the Mayor and City Council that identifies:

a. Public and private sources of financial incentives and technical assistance currently available to commercial, institutional, industrial and multi-family building owners in Kansas City in order to benchmark energy use, perform energy audits, practice retro-commissioning and make energy efficiency improvements to their buildings.

b. Public and private sources of future financial incentives and technical assistance that might be provided to commercial, institutional, industrial and multi-family building owners in Kansas City in order to perform energy
audits, practice retro-commissioning and make energy efficiency improvements to their buildings.

c. Possible incentive and assistance programs to make voluntary benchmarking, reporting and energy efficiency improvements more viable for building owners who voluntarily benchmark and report.

d. An outreach plan that identifies for building owners what the City intends to do to promote energy use benchmarking, reporting and energy efficiency improvements. Such plan to be first reviewed by the CEPAC.

e. Recommendations for how to require recipients of tax abatements, tax increment financing or other financial incentives from the City to benchmark and report energy and water usage in their buildings.

Authenticated as Passed

Sly James, Mayor

Marilyn Sanders, City Clerk

MAY 21, 2015

Date Passed