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Final Action:

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Notes:

Sponsors: Paul R. Soglin, Marsha A. Rummel, Ledell Zellers, Shiva Bidar-Sielaff and Matthew J. Phair
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History of Legislative File

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Mayor's Office	07/28/2014	Referred for Introduction				
	Action Text:	This Resolution was Referred for Introduction					
	Notes:	Madison Food Policy Council, Committee on the Environment, Board of Park Commissioners					
1	COMMON COUNCIL	08/05/2014	Referred	MADISON FOOD POLICY COUNCIL			
	Action Text:	This Resolution was Referred to the MADISON FOOD POLICY COUNCIL					
	Notes:	Additional referrals: Committee on the Environment, Board of Park Commissioners.					
1	MADISON FOOD POLICY COUNCIL	08/05/2014	Refer	COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT		09/15/2014	
	Action Text:	This Resolution was Refer to the COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT					
	Notes:						
1	MADISON FOOD POLICY COUNCIL	08/05/2014	Refer	BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS		09/17/2014	
	Action Text:	This Resolution was Refer to the BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS					
	Notes:						

1 MADISON FOOD 08/06/2014
POLICY COUNCIL
Action Text: Motion to refer to the September FPC meeting for input from committees to which it was referred by the Common Council; made by Wells, seconded by Zellers: Motion passed by a voice vote.

1 COMMITTEE ON THE 08/18/2014
ENVIRONMENT

1 MADISON FOOD 09/03/2014
POLICY COUNCIL
Action Text: Woulf provided an overview of the resolution and explained the structure of the taskforce that the resolution would create. He also explained that due to quorum and special meeting issues, the two other referral committee have not yet seen the proposal. His suggestion was to refer the item until October to allow for other committee comment.

Richmond: It would be good to tie this somehow to the Lakes and Watershed Commission since they have authority to ban certain items from use within the County.

Zellers: Can we add integrated pest management and facilities management staff to the list of members named in the resolution? We should also interact with other committees, for example, the Urban Design Commission, to make sure we're on the same page.

Clarke: Whatever plan is developed needs to be thinking long-term implications of trends, such as drought in California, global warming in general. Therefore, solutions need to be dynamic.

Rhodes-Conway suggested changing the timeline to August 15, 2015. Woulf will bring back the suggested changes as a substitute in October.

Rhodes-Conway made a motion to refer to the October Food Policy Council meeting. Zellers seconded the motion. Motion passed by a voice vote.

1 COMMITTEE ON THE 09/15/2014 Return to Lead with MADISON FOOD
ENVIRONMENT the POLICY
Recommendation for COUNCIL
Approval

Action Text: A motion was made by Lasky, seconded by Baker, for this Resolution to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the MADISON FOOD POLICY COUNCIL.

Mark Woulf of the Mayor's Office and Staff to the Madison Food Policy Council, presented the resolution to the members of the Committee on the Environment. He said the resolution is intended to solicit COE input on the recommendations and best practices on pollinator protection that will eventually be put forth in a report by a City task force. This report will review the City's own practices, identify best practices and ultimately provide recommendations to the Common Council on what actions we can take as a City, as well as offer recommendations about how individuals can protect and promote pollinator health in the community. The Resolution states the task force will have six months to perform research and report back to the Common Council by August 2015.

Pat Lasky asked Woulf who is on the committee. Woulf said a number of different City departments have a representative on the task force. The staff members are from departments that have responsibility for City land, such as Parks Division, Engineering, Water Utility and Public Health Madison-Dane County. A professional bee keeper is also serving on the task force.

James Bennett asked Woulf how the task force will define pollinators. Bennett said pollinators can include bats and birds. Woulf said pollinators is a broad category. The Federal Government also has a task force researching pollinator health. Any information that task force publishes can be used to help guide the City's research. This may also be of assistance for pesticide research.

Mike DePue said that the state of Wisconsin is eighth in the nation for honey production. There is a significant economic component to be considered in discussing health of pollinators.

Members of the COE stated they are interested in the task force's findings and assisting with research and or outreach as appropriate.

Later in the COE meeting, the committee reopened their motion and added a clause volunteering the COE to place a member on the Pollinator Policy Subcommittee of the Madison Food Policy Council. Mike Dailey, Secretary to the COE, has contacted Mark Woulf regarding the COE's motion.

1	BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS	09/17/2014	Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval	MADISON FOOD POLICY COUNCIL	Pass
	Action Text:	A motion was made by Leopold, seconded by Gnam, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the MADISON FOOD POLICY COUNCIL. The motion passed by voice vote/other.			
1	MADISON FOOD POLICY COUNCIL	10/01/2014			
1	COMMON COUNCIL	10/07/2014			

Text of Legislative File 35011

Fiscal Note

No expenditure is required at this time. Strategies may eventually have capital and operating impact on various departments, subject to future Common Council approval.

Title

Directing the Madison Food Policy Council to convene, develop, and provide implementation direction to city departments for strategies to promote the health of honey bees and other pollinators.

Body

WHEREAS, the loss of pollinators, including honey bees, native bees, bats, birds, and butterflies, across the country have been severe over the past few decades;

WHEREAS, the loss of said pollinators has a dramatic impact on food production, especially fruit, nut, and vegetable production;

WHEREAS, while there are large factors in these losses at play, such as global climate shift, there are many strategies that localities can employ to limit the loss of native and other pollinators;

WHEREAS, scientists point to other factors in pollinator losses such as, loss of native habitat, exposure to pesticides, and lack of adequate diet, all of which can be improved on a local level;

WHEREAS, the White House issued a memorandum, dated June 20, 2014, to Federal Agencies creating a Pollinator Health Task Force and directing agencies to review current practices and prepare to implement strategies to improve pollinator health;

WHEREAS, taking the lead of the White House in raising the importance of pollinator health to our entire food system and the potential economic and health impact to our community, the Mayor and Common Council recognize the need to address the issue on the local level in addition to federal efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Common Council direct the Madison Food Policy Council to convene a taskforce on pollinator health that will be comprised of the following department/division heads or their representatives and other members. The taskforce shall be staffed by the Food and Alcohol Policy Coordinator and chaired by a member of the Madison Food Policy Council.

- Three (3) members of the Madison Food Policy Council
- Parks Department
- Engineering
- Planning

- Library
- Water Utility
- Public Health Madison and Dane County
- Any other members the taskforce deems appropriate

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the taskforce shall conduct and complete the following actions/duties:

- Review available research on pollinator decline and effectiveness of strategies employed.
- Review current department practices that affect pollinator habitat and health.
- Solicit input from local stakeholders with additional information on the issue (e.g. UW-Extension).
- Monitor White House Pollinator Health Task Force work and use information and recommendations to supplement work.
- Explore private-public partnerships to help address the issue.
- Develop recommendations for departments to improve the habitat for pollinators on city-owned land.
- Develop recommendations for citizens to plant pollinator-friendly habitats and guidance on pesticide use around their homes.
- Provide guidance for a long-term strategy to departments to promote pollinator health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the taskforce complete its review within six months of its initial meeting, and make final recommendations to the Mayor and Common Council by May 15, 2015.