

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

August 3, 2021

2:00 PM

Roberta Lisle Conference Room (Room 16)

Zero Waste Subcommittee

Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (Chair)
Commissioner Reina Saco (Vice-Chair)
Commissioner Harvey Ward (Member)
Commissioner David Arreola (Member)

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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 2:01 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present 4 - Vice-Chair Saco, Chair Hayes-Santos, Ward, and Arreola

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Ward, seconded by Vice-Chair Saco, that this Matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Vice-Chair Saco, Chair Hayes-Santos, Ward, and Arreola

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[210232.](#) **Approval of Minutes from the July 20, 2021 Zero Waste Subcommittee Meeting (B)**

Attachments: [210232 DRAFT Minutes 072021 Zero Waste 20210803](#)

Public comment was opened - no one spoke to the item.

RECOMMENDATION *The Zero Waste Subcommittee approve the July 20, 2021 minutes.*

A motion was made by Ward, seconded by Vice-Chair Saco, that this Matter be Approved as Recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Vice-Chair Saco, Chair Hayes-Santos, Ward, and Arreola

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

[210129.](#) **Solid Waste Ordinance Updates (NB)**

Attachments: [210129A Subcommittee Ordinance Update Presentation 20210720](#)
[210129B Draft -SW Ordinance Updates 20210720](#)
[210129C Comm Hayes-Santos Zero Waste Ordinance Recommended Clai](#)

Michael Heimbach, Sustainability Manager, Thomas Strickland, Recycling Coordinator, and Phil Mann, Assistant City Manager, spoke to the item.

Commissioner David Arreola left the meeting during discussion.

MOTION:

Direct staff to update the Solid Waste Ordinance as follows:

1. *Retail stores that sell prescription drugs must provide publicly accessible recycling for prescription drugs*
2. *Restrict businesses from putting waste containers in the right of way or on sidewalks. This deals with the lines of trash cans you see on sidewalks in downtown. This would go in to effect April 1, 2023.*
3. *Single-family composting implemented city wide by 2024, and a scheduled partial rollout in 2022*
4. *STRIKE*
5. *Multi-family composting implemented city wide by 2024, and a scheduled partial rollout to start in 2022 .*
6. *In areas of a business open to the public both indoor and outdoor, businesses must provide recycling and compost(if it meets the minimum required for composting) containers next to any landfill waste containers that the business may provide*
7. *In areas of a business that are employee only, the business must provide recycling and composting containers next to landfill waste containers. This is only necessary if that are of the business has recyclables or food waste produced or consumed in sufficient quantity*
8. *Landlord/HOA of multifamily units must provide in unit recycling containers that can be carried by the resident to recycling pickup areas. This goes into effect October 1, 2022. These containers may be approved by the city.*
9. *Landlord/HOA of multifamily units must provide in unit composting containers that can be carried by the resident to recycling pickup areas. This goes into effect when composting is available at that multifamily unit. These containers may be approved by the city.*
10. *Waste containers - City staff will designate in policy what the containers will look like. Ordinance will give city staff the power to regulate waste containers and signage*
 - a. *Designated colors set by the city. Whole container does not need to be that color. This would be for all recycling containers that are used in public or employee areas*
 - b. *Designated signage*
 - c. *Minimum size of wording and pictures*
 - d. *Standardized language*
 - e. *Signage shall be in English and Spanish, or picture signs at each recyclable and compostable container.*
 - f. *Preference of photos over drawings*
11. *Businesses that provide single use plastic bags to customers must provide easily publicly accessible recycling for single use plastic bags*
12. *Businesses that provide expanded polystyrene to customers must provide easily publicly accessible recycling for expanded polystyrene.*
13. *Discuss at next meeting*
14. *Discuss at next meeting*
15. *Discuss at next meeting*
16. *Grocery stores are mandated to follow the food waste diversion hierarchy by Jan 1, 2023. Grocery stores are banned from destroying unsold food waste that is fit for human consumption. Grocery stores are obligated to establish a partnership with a charity for food*

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- 17. STRIKE
- 18. STRIKE
- 19. Property owners must provide space for landfill waste, recycling, and composting containers
- 20. All businesses must compost unless, they can show that they don't produce any compostable materials. We should move beyond just composting food waste. For example, places that have paper towels should have to compost as well. Mandated by January 1 2025
- 22. New Name for the ordinance section

Public comment was opened - no one spoke to the item.

RECOMMENDATION The Zero Waste Subcommittee will provide input on the proposed ordinance changes.

A motion was made by Ward, seconded by Vice-Chair Saco, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above - See Motion(s). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Vice-Chair Saco, Chair Hayes-Santos, and Ward

Absent: 1 - Arreola

[200387.](#) **Food Waste Pilot Update (B)**

Attachments: [200387A Sub Committee Food Waste Beaten Path 20201013](#)
[200387 Sub Committee Update on Food Waste Pilot 20210803](#)

Presentation on the Food Waste Pilot given by Thomas Strickland, Recycling Coordinator.

Commissioner Reina Saco left the meeting at 4:03 pm and returned at 4:09 pm.

Public comment was opened - no one spoke to the item.

RECOMMENDATION The Zero Waste Subcommittee: 1) hear a presentation; and 2) provide comments to Community Builders.

Discussed

PUBLIC COMMENT

MEMBER COMMENT

The meeting on August 31, 2021 will be a town hall style and be held at 6:00 pm in the Commission Auditorium.

NEXT MEETING DATE

August 17, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Topic: reusing in the community

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:13 pm.