

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

November 24, 2020

2:00 PM

City Hall Auditorium

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 2:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

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

Absent: 1 - Arreola

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[200504.](#)

Approval of Minutes from the October 27, 2020 Zero Waste Subcommittee Meeting (B)

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Zero Waste Subcommittee approve the October 27, 2020 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: 3 - Vice-Chair Saco, Chair Hayes-Santos, and Ward

Absent: 1 - Arreola

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

[200381.](#)

Discussion of Food Waste and Organics Diversion (B)

Member David Arreola arrived 2:09 pm.

A presentation on the USDA Grant was made by Michael Heimbach, Sustainability Manager. Phil Mann, Assistant City Manager, and Thomas Strickland, Recycling Coordinator, also spoke to the item. Direction was given to staff to send the subcommittee a map of the eligible areas.

A presentation on organics recommendations was made by Michael Heimbach. Direction was given to staff to come back at the January 5 meeting with detailed policy points for an ordinance. Additionally, a timeline for implementation of food waste programs in the City for both single family and multifamily housing was requested.

Staff will share an update on the County Soil Amendments at the next meeting.

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

RECOMMENDATION *The Zero Waste Subcommittee to hear the presentation and take any action deemed appropriate.*

Discussed

[200475.](#)

Discussion of Commercial and Multifamily Recycling in Gainesville (B)

A presentation on the commercial waste stream was made by Thomas Strickland, Recycling Coordinator. Steven Joplin, Solid Waste Manager, Michael Heimbach, Sustainability Manager, and Phil Mann, Assistant City Manager also spoke to the item.

Direction was given to staff to come back at the January 5 meeting with detailed policy points for changes in the commercial recycling ordinance. Including expanding the definition of what commercial businesses should be required to recycle, creating parameters on capacity for multifamily recycling and providing for education and signage to residents.

Staff will also check on the termination date of the school board waste contract. Phil Mann will invite representatives from Communications, Marketing and Sustainable Development to future subcommittee meetings.

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

RECOMMENDATION *The Zero Waste Subcommittee: 1) hear staff presentation; and 2) provide direction as appropriate.*

Discussed

MEMBER COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

December 8, 2020 - 1:30 PM

Topics: Single-use plastic and Construction and Demolition.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:23 pm.