

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

January 19, 2021

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

[200703.](#)

Approval of Minutes from the January 5, 2021 Zero Waste Subcommittee Meeting (B)

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

RECOMMENDATION *The Zero Waste Subcommittee approve the January 5, 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: 3 - Vice-Chair Saco, Chair Hayes-Santos, and Ward

Absent: 1 - Arreola

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

[200698.](#)

Discussion of Event Recycling (B)

Tom Strickland, Recycling Coordinator, gave a presentation. Members discussed.

Phil Mann, Interim Assistant City Manager, responded.

MOTION: 1) Staff begin working on event ordinance. Mandatory recycling and composting at events of a certain size on public property. Ask staff to bring information on event tiers/thresholds, 2) Banning sale of single-use plastics and Styrofoam at events, 3) Set May 2022 as a target timeline, 4) Set January 2023 as a target for "Zero Waste" events, and 4) Staff look into a

loan program for carts at events.

David Schwartz, Assistant City Attorney, recommended viewing events on City property differently from events on non-City property.

2:45 PM: Comm. Arreola arrived.

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.

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

[200449.](#)

Presentation of Construction and Demolition Debris Ordinance Fees (B)

Michael Heimbach, Sustainability Manager, gave a presentation. Members discussed.

3:00 PM: Comm. Ward left the meeting.

MOTION: Direct staff to bring a proposal with a hybrid model of the San Diego and Napa format. Staff to include information on dollar amount and square footage for exemptions for smaller projects; not to include demolition in exemptions. To include recommendations listed on the "option" slide.

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Zero Waste Subcommittee: 1) hear staff presentation and 2) provide staff direction as necessary.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Saco, seconded by Arreola, 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 Arreola

Absent: 1 - Ward

[200551.](#)

Discussion to Request Single-Use of Plastic Accessories (B)

Tom Strickland, Recycling Coordinator, gave a presentation. Members discussed. David Schwarz, responded.

MOTION: Support recommended Option 1 (from the presentation). Set target date for an ordinance as January 2022. Request more information on single-use plastics banned by the EU and Canada; and what can the City legally do regarding those items.

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

RECOMMENDATION *The Zero Waste Subcommittee: 1) hear staff presentation; 2) receive findings from staff and City Attorney's Office; and 3) provide direction to staff as deemed as appropriate.*

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

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

Absent: 1 - Ward

200413.

Update on Exclusive Collection Contract (B)

Michael Heimbach, Sustainability Manager, introduced Grace Ebner, Accounts Manager, We Are Neutral. Ms. Ebner gave a presentation. Mr. Heimbach gave a presentation. Members discussed. Mr. Heimbach and Phil Mann responded to questions.

Public comment: Skip McCall, WCA of Florida

RECOMMENDATION *Zero Waste Subcommittee 1) hear the presentation; and 2) provide direction to staff as deemed appropriate.*

Discussed

MEMBER COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

February 2, 2021 - Waste Receptacles on Public Land

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:14 pm.