

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

January 5, 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 2:03 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

[200649.](#)

Approval of Minutes from the December 8, 2020 Zero Waste Subcommittee Meeting (B)

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

RECOMMENDATION *The Zero Waste Subcommittee approve the December 8, 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: 4 - Vice-Chair Saco, Chair Hayes-Santos, Ward, and Arreola

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

[200381.](#)

Food Waste and Organics Ordinance Discussion (B)

Presentation on food waste given by Michael Heimbach, Sustainability Manager.

MOTION: 1) The ordinance shall mandate a hierarchy of beneficial use of food waste, 2) start a multifamily pilot program in 2022, city-wide program by 2024 and 3) start a single family pilot program in 2022, city-wide program by 2024.

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

RECOMMENDATION *Zero Waste Subcommittee 1) receive staff recommendations for Food Waste and Organics Ordinance; and 2) provide input and direction to staff and the City Attorney's Office.*

A motion was made by Arreola, seconded by Ward, 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

[200413.](#)

Update on Exclusive Collection Contract (B)

Presentation on exclusive collection contract given by Michael Heimbach, Sustainability Manager.

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

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

Discussed

[200475.](#)

Commercial and Multifamily Recycling Recommendations (B)

Presentation on Commercial and Multifamily Recycling Recommendations given by Thomas Strickland, Recycling Coordinator.

MOTION: To modify the ordinances as follows 1) add definition of "Designated recycling materials, 2) add words "cumulative total" after 15% in ordinance 3) add definition of "Organic materials" and "Designated organic materials", 4) mandate commercial containers for garbage and recycling follow a specific color scheme, 5) specify exact size, design and placement of labels on commercially serviced containers (trash, recycle and organics), 6) placement of recycling containers as determined by the City Manager or designee and 7) add language establishing an adequate level of service and capacity of trash and recyclable collection containers based on the number of units at a commercial collected property.

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

RECOMMENDATION *Zero Waste Committee: 1) hear the presentation from staff; and 2) provide direction as deemed appropriate.*

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

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

[200631.](#)

Reuse in the Community (B)

Presentation on reusing in the community given by Michael Heimbach, Sustainability Manager.

Tommy Baker, Repurpose Project, spoke to the item.

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

RECOMMENDATION *Zero Waste Committee: 1) hear the presentation from staff;*

and 2) provide direction as deemed appropriate.

Discussed

MEMBER COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

January 19, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:58 pm.