

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## Meeting Agenda

March 30, 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****ROLL CALL****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES**[200899.](#)**Approval of Minutes from the March 2, 2021 Zero Waste Subcommittee Meeting (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

*The Zero Waste Subcommittee approve the March 2, 2021 minutes.*

[200899\\_Minutes\\_030221\\_Zero\\_Waste\\_20210330](#)

**DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS**[200631.](#)**Reuse in the Community Options (B)**

*Explanation: On January 5th, staff presented information on the status of the reuse industry in the City of Gainesville to the Zero Waste Subcommittee. Staff was asked to return with opportunities that might be available to assist the reuse industry. City staff has met with representatives from reuse organizations to identify needs and possible solutions.*

*Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

*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.*

[200631A\\_Reuse\\_In\\_the\\_Community\\_20210105](#)

[200631B\\_Eco\\_Industrial\\_Park\\_Reuse\\_Facilities\\_Proposal\\_20210105](#)

[200631C\\_CHaRM\\_Article\\_20210105](#)

[200631D\\_Munich\\_Zero\\_Waste\\_Repair\\_&\\_Reuse\\_20210105](#)

[200631E\\_Boulder\\_Reuse\\_Article\\_2021\\_03\\_30](#)

[200631F\\_Reuse\\_in\\_the\\_Community\\_Options\\_2021\\_03\\_30](#)

[200745.](#)**Discussion of Public Trash Receptacles (B)**

*Explanation:* On February 2, the Public Works Community Builders presented information on the placement and types of litter containers along the City's right-of-ways. The Subcommittee requested that they be presented with options to develop a policy relating to the placement and specifications of trash containers used by the City and the private sector in the right-of-way.

...Strategic Connection

Goal 2: Sustainable Community and is a normal priority item.

*Fiscal Note:* There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Zero Waste Subcommittee 1) hear the presentation; and 2) provide direction as deemed appropriate.

Commissioner Arreola arrived at 2:17 pm.

Presentation on public waste receptacles on city streets given by Michael Heimbach, Sustainability Manager. Phil Mann, Assistant City Manager, spoke to the matter.

*MOTION:* Request staff to research 1) a city-wide public area refuse policy, 2) a city-wide receptacle placement policy, 3) a plan for consolidation of refuse collection by department, 4) for staff to bring back a projection of work hours necessary for various levels of clean-up, and 5) for staff to bring back recommendations on daily clean-up efforts by district.

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

[200745A Subcommittee Public Waste Receptacle on city Streets Final 20210](#)

[200745B Community Trash Receptacles 2021\\_03\\_30](#)

[200551.](#)**Single Use Plastic Accessories Ordinance Options (B)**

*Explanation:* On 12/8/2020, Public Works Community Builders presented information about single use plastics in the community to the Zero Waste Subcommittee. At the meeting, the Subcommittee requested information on ordinances and policies to reduce the use of single use accessories.

On 1/19/2021, there was a presentation on what other communities around the country were doing to reduce the use of single use accessories. The Subcommittee requested that Community Builders return with options to address the issue.

Community Builders will present options on ordinance language related to requiring that accessories be available on request only.

*...Strategic Connection*

*Goal 2: Sustainable Community and is a normal priority item.*

*Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal impact with this item.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

*A presentation on single use plastics was made by Michael Heimbach, Sustainability Manager. Katherine Mockler, Assistant City Attorney, spoke to the matter concerning single use plastic bags.*

*MOTION: 1) For staff to draft a policy on green purchasing, including for GRU and general government; 2) draft an ordinance and policies regarding plastics in public places, city spaces and events; 3) research requiring recycling services for polystyrene and plastic bags in restaurants and venues; 4) research payment on accessory items in restaurants.*

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

*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.*

*A presentation on glitter and plastic confetti was given by Tom Strickland, Recycling Coordinator.*

*MOTION: Staff draft an ordinance on a ban of plastic confetti and balloon releases, working with the City Attorney's Office on enforcement.*

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

- [200551A\\_SubCommittee\\_Single\\_Use\\_Plastics\\_20201208](#)
- [200551B\\_Plastic\\_Straw\\_Ordinance\\_Biodegradable\\_Straw\\_Revision\\_20201208](#)
- [200551C\\_Berkely\\_Food\\_Ware\\_Ordinance\\_20201208](#)
- [200551D\\_FL\\_Model\\_EPS\\_Ordinance\\_20201208](#)
- [200551E\\_FLL\\_PS\\_Ordinance\\_20201208](#)
- [200551F\\_LA\\_Times\\_Plastic\\_Bottle\\_Article\\_20201208](#)
- [200551G\\_NYC\\_Plastic\\_Bottle\\_Ban\\_20201208](#)
- [200551H\\_Polystyrene\\_&\\_Plastic\\_Bags\\_1.2.2020\\_12.08.20](#)
- [200551A\\_BerkleyMunicipal\\_Code\\_Single\\_Use\\_Ord\\_7639\\_20210119](#)
- [200551B\\_Martin\\_County-CA\\_drafted\\_Reusable\\_Ord\\_Ch\\_7-25\\_20210119](#)
- [200551C\\_Sub\\_Committee\\_Accessories\\_20210119](#)
- [200551D\\_SF\\_Ordinance-SingleUse\\_File\\_No\\_181004\\_20210119](#)
- [200551M\\_Sub\\_Committee\\_Glitter\\_&\\_Plastic\\_Confetti\\_updated\\_2-23-2021\\_2021\\_1](#)
- [200551N\\_SubCommittee\\_Accessories\\_upon\\_request\\_2021\\_3-30](#)

**MEMBER COMMENT**

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

**April 13, 2021**

**ADJOURNMENT**