

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

October 13, 2020

10:30 AM

Virtual Teleconference Meeting

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 10:40 am.

ROLL CALL

Present 3 - Vice-Chair Saco, Chair Hayes-Santos, and Ward

Absent 1 - Arreola

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

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

[200328.](#)

Approval of Minutes from the September 9, 2020 Zero Waste Subcommittee Meeting (B)

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

RECOMMENDATION *The Zero Waste Subcommittee approve the September 9, 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

[200413.](#)

Solid Waste Franchise Contract (B)

Exclusive Solid Waste Collection Agreement presentation

Presentation by Michael Heimbach, Sustainability Manager, Lee Feldman, City Manager, spoke to the matter.

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

Discussed

[200381.](#)

Discussion of Organic Waste in Gainesville (B)

This item is to provide the Zero Waste Subcommittee of an overview of infrastructure that is available in Alachua County as it relates to developing a possible food waste ordinance. The presentation will also review typical items that are address in such ordinances and an update on City Efforts to date.

Staff will present a summary on the details related to an USDA grant received by the City for curbside residential food waste collection.

Subcommittee member will discuss the elements of a food waste ordinance.

Presentation by Michael Heimbach, Sustainability Manager, Lee Feldman, City Manager, spoke to the matter. City staff was requested to bring this item back to the subcommittee in one month, November 24, with options for a food recovery program in Gainesville and options for a composting ordinance(s).

RECOMMENDATION *The Zero Waste Subcommittee to hear the presentation.*

Discussed

[200412.](#)

Discussion of Topics for Future Meetings (NB)

Staff and Committee members will discuss future topics for the Zero Waste Subcommittee.

Lee Feldman, City Manager, and Michael Heimbach, Sustainability Manager, spoke to the matter. Topics for the next 4 meetings were set as follows: October 27 - construction and demolition; November 10 - commercial and multi-family recycling, and recommendations for food waste ordinance; November 24 - single-use plastics; December 9 - reusing in the community.

RECOMMENDATION *The Zero Waste Subcommittee: 1) discuss future topics; and 2) a schedule for future meetings.*

Discussed

NEXT MEETING DATE - October 27 at 2:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:49 am.