

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final-Revised

December 8, 2020

1:30 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 1:34 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: 3 - Vice-Chair Saco, Chair Hayes-Santos, and Ward

Absent: 1 - Arreola

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[200563.](#)

Approval of Minutes from the November 24, 2020 Zero Waste Subcommittee Meeting (B)

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

RECOMMENDATION *The Zero Waste Subcommittee approve the November 24, 2020 minutes.*

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

[200449.](#)

Presentation of Construction and Demolition Debris Ordinance Recommendations (B)

Commissioner Arreola arrived at 1:36 pm.

A presentation on construction and demolition recycling was made by Michael Heimbach, Sustainability Manager.

MOTION: To move forward on recommendations, for staff to bring back an ordinance with research on efficacy of deposit amounts and to place an item on the City Commission agenda to send a letter to the County Commission for them to look into the feasibility of a construction and demolition facility.

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

[200551.](#)

Discussion of Single Use Plastics in Gainesville (B)

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.

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

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Saco, 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

MEMBER COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE - January 5, 2021 at 2:00 pm

Topic: Reusing in the Community

Additional topic: Food Waste

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.