

CITY COUNCIL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Hayward City Hall – Conference Room 2A  
777 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541-5007

November 26, 2018  
4:30 p.m. – 6:08 p.m.

**CORRECTED MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chair Mendall.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members:**

- Al Mendall, City Council Member/CSC Chair
- Elisa Márquez, City Council Member
- Francisco Zermeño, City Council Member

Staff:

- Alex Ameri, Interim Director of Public Works
- Jan Lee, Water Resources Manger
- Erik Pearson, Environmental Services Manager
- Jeff Krump, Solid Waste Program Manager
- Nicole Grucky, Sustainability Specialist
- Crissy Mello, Senior Secretary
- Carol Lee, Management Analyst I
- Kait Byrne, Management Analyst I
- Maria Hurtado, Assistant City Manager
- Jennifer Ott, Deputy City Manager
- Christina Morales, Housing Division Manager
- Marcus Martinez, Assistant Planner

Others:

- Amanda Groziak, Hayward Resident
- Jillian Buckholz, Director of Sustainability, CSUEB
- Stacy Lee
- Minane Jameson, HARD Board President
- Carol Gorringer
- Kimberlee Burks

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Environmental Services Manager, Erik Pearson, introduced Nicole Grucky, as the new Sustainability Specialist.

**1. Approval of Minutes of Council Sustainability Meeting on September 24, 2018.**

The item was moved by Council Member Zermeño, seconded by Council Member Márquez, and approved unanimously, to approve the minutes of the Council Sustainability Committee meeting of September 24, 2018.

## **2. Tiny Homes – Sustainability Considerations**

Director Ameri, introduced the item and Environmental Services Manager, Erik Pearson, presented the report.

The Committee expressed concern regarding the potential impact that tiny homes would have on street parking, if they were added to existing homes as accessory dwelling unit. Council Member Zermeño asked that staff look into container homes similar to the City of Oakland and Laney College model and present findings to the City Council. Chair Mendall stated that micro-apartments or townhomes offered higher density development on vacant lots, and that building tiny homes on lots with existing homes resulted in more efficient use of land. The Committee expressed support for tiny homes or micro units as a way to enable home ownership, noting that tiny homes should be affordable by design.

Minane Jameson commented that the flood control property near BART and Industrial Parkway or behind the driving range on Industrial may be potential locations for tiny homes.

## **3. Possible Fee to Address Litter from Disposable Food Packaging**

Solid Waste Program Manager, Jeff Krump, presented the report.

Amanda Groziak, presented the Finland model of litter reduction and recommended the Committee consider litter prevention in addition to litter clean-up.

Chair Mendall supported incorporating a litter fee as part of the business license fee for certain types of businesses. He urged his colleagues to consider a litter fee.

Council Member Márquez stated that this item would not be ready for a 2020 ballot measure and that the supplemental business license fee should be explored by the Budget and Finance Committee. She also commented that the fee should also apply for grocery stores.

Council Member Zermeño recommended that the City educate consumers on the effects of litter and relocate or add additional trash receptacles to areas of frequent litter accumulation.

Chair Mendall moved that the Committee recommend that the Budget and Finance Committee explore incorporating the litter fee as part of the business license fee when the business license rewrite occurs. Council Member Márquez seconded and the motion passed 2:1 with Council Member Zermeño dissenting.

## **4. East Bay Community Energy – Priorities for Implementation of the Local Development Business Plan**

Director Ameri introduced the item and Environmental Services Manager, Erik Pearson, presented the report.

Director Ameri commented that the Two-megawatt Phase II Solar Project has been delayed. He stated that EBCE has been indecisive on tariffs partially due to an increase in the exit fee that EBCE customers must pay to PG&E.

Council Member Zermeño asked why EBCE has been hesitant to establish a rate to which Director Ameri replied that EBCE is concerned about maintaining rate parity with PG&E.

Chair Mendall commented on the recent California Public Utilities Commission's decision regarding PG&E's ability to charge a higher exit fee and there would be more stable figures in January.

Director Ameri commented that the City's current opt out rate from EBCE is 1.1%, which is below the County average. He also commented that GHG reduction should be included in addition to all priorities.

Discussion ensued and it was acknowledged that all priorities were inter-related. It was moved by Council Member Márquez that the priorities be in the following order: (1) GHG reduction, (2) maintain relative rate parity with PG&E, (3) build local projects, and (4) create local jobs. The motion was seconded by Chair Mendall and passed unanimously.

## **5. Update on Recycled Water Project**

Water Resources Manager, Jan Lee, presented the report, and gave an update on the construction of the storage and distribution system. Ms. Lee also provided an update on connecting customers to the new recycled water system.

The Committee commended staff for the early completion of the distribution system and expressed their preference for staff to continue working cooperatively with customers that have not yet signed up. The Committee agreed that enforcing the mandatory use provisions in the Recycled Water Use Ordinance would be a last resort. Furthermore, Committee members noted that customers would be more receptive to signing up for recycled water service once Council adopts a recycled water rate and could see the cost savings for using recycled water. Council Member Márquez also recommended partnering with the Chamber of Commerce to reach businesses.

Chair Mendall asked staff to develop a long-term plan for expanding recycled water service throughout the City. Director Ameri responded that staff plans to prepare a recycled water master plan.

## **6. Declaration a Climate Emergency**

Environmental Services Manager, Erik Pearson, presented the report and asked for a recommendation from the Committee to present to Council.

Chair Mendall gave credit to all those involved in trying to solve the crisis and commented that more needs to be done. Council Members Márquez and Zermeño

concurrent. The item was moved by Zermeño, seconded by Márquez, and passed unanimously.

### 7. Proposed 2019 Agenda Planning Calendar

Council Member Zermeno asked that the Tree City Inventory include an urban forest component.

Council Member Márquez requested a discussion about future development, retail specifically, to address the litter issue through the development review process.

Chair Mendall suggested the addition of litter collection as a standard condition of approval for applicable new businesses.

Chair Mendall commented that he was looking forward to the natural gas and new construction staff report, and suggested that staff consider a ban on natural gas to encourage the use of electric energy.

Jillian Buckholz, Director of Sustainability CSUEB, stated that the university is moving away from natural gas and disposables.

### COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REFERRALS:

Council Member Márquez announced that the Mosquito Abatement District Board formed a Sustainability Committee and will be installing solar soon.

Council Member Zermeno stated that he would like to see a graphic for the climate action emergency to distribute on social media.

Mr. Pearson announced the upcoming EBCE workshop for residents and community members.

Jillian Buckholz of CSUEB commented that portions of campus housing have moved to EBCE with the rest to eventually follow.

### ADJOURNMENT: 6:08 p.m.

### MEETINGS

Attendance	Present 11/26/18 Meeting	Present to Date This Fiscal Year	Excused to Date This Fiscal Year	Absent to Date This Fiscal Year
Elisa Márquez	✓	6	1	0
Al Mendall*	✓	7	0	0
Francisco Zermeño	✓	6	1	0