

CITY COUNCIL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
Remote Participation – Digital Zoom Meeting
March 14, 2022
4:30 p.m. – 6:04 p.m.
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Council Member Francisco Zermeño.

ROLL CALL:

Members:

Present:

- Elisa Márquez, City Council Member
- Francisco Zermeño, City Council Member

Absent:

- Barbara Halliday, Mayor/CSC Chair

Staff:

- Alex Ameri, Director of Public Works
- Linda Ko, Senior Secretary (Recorder)
- Jeff Krump, Solid Waste Program Manager
- Omar Noorzad, Supervising Building Inspector
- Steve Osborne, Supervising Plan Checker & Expeditor
- Jennifer Ott, Assistant City Manager
- Erik Pearson, Environmental Services Manager
- Elisa Wilfong, Water Pollution Control Administrator

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

1. Approval of Minutes of the Council Sustainability Committee (CSC) Meeting Held on January 10, 2022

The item was moved by Council Member Márquez, seconded by Council Member Zermeño, and approved with two votes.

2. Considerations for the 2023 Reach Code – Information and Discussion

Erik Pearson, Environmental Services Manager, gave an informational presentation on the Reach Code and key components that may be included in the 2023 Reach Code. The potential reach code components included the following: new low-rise residential buildings, new non-residential and high-rise residential buildings, new accessory dwelling units, existing buildings, end of flow, existing residential and electric vehicle (EV) charging.

Council Member Márquez expressed her support of staff's recommendation to eliminate the mixed-fuel option for new non-residential and high-rise residential buildings. She also supported the recommendation to require all new detached ADUs to be all-electric.

Council Member Márquez stated that she would like to see the City of Hayward be more aggressive in the EV charging element and also asked that chargers be installed equitably around the City.

Council Member Zermeño also expressed his support for eliminating gas options for new non-residential buildings, new high-rise residential buildings and new detached ADUs. He also supported the idea of prohibiting the extension of gas infrastructure in existing buildings. Regarding the end of flow component, Council Member Zermeño recommended delaying the implementation and suggested staff observe Half Moon Bay's ordinance implementation. He also expressed his desire to be mindful of the public's response to the implementation of end of flow.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

3. Municipal Regional (Stormwater) Permit-MRP 3.0 – Information and Discussion

Elisa Wilfong, Water Pollution Control Administrator, gave an informational presentation on the proposed changes in the new Municipal Regional Permit (MRP) 3.0.

Council Member Márquez encouraged staff to advocate for State funding to assist with addressing the unsheltered community and removing debris from the encampments. She also expressed her support for increasing the installation of the trash capture devices. Council Member Márquez shared her concern about the cost burden that the proposed change, to lower the threshold for development projects required to have above-ground stormwater treatment from 10,000 square feet down to 5,000 square feet, would create.

Council Member Zermeño inquired if there was a program to replace the “no dumping” stencils and medallions that were missing near storm drains. Ms. Wilfong confirmed that staff works with the Maintenance Services Department to replace missing or faded signs as soon as they are noticed.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

4. Proposed 2022 Agenda Planning Calendar: Review and Comments

Erik Pearson, Environmental Services Manager, shared the proposed 2022 agenda planning calendar with the Committee.

Council Member Zermeño shared that he will be absent during the July 11th Council Sustainability Committee Meeting.

Council Member Márquez suggested a future presentation of a year-end review of the initiatives and accomplishments of East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) to inform the public of how funds were being invested back into the community.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REFERRALS:

Council Member Márquez encouraged the community to purchase electric vehicles.

Mr. Pearson announced that the first public workshop for the Climate Action Plan update was scheduled for April 13th and that information would be sent out with the link to register.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:04 p.m.

Attendance	MEETINGS			
	Present 03/15/22 Meeting	Present to Date This Fiscal Year	Excused to Date This Fiscal Year	Absent to Date This Fiscal Year
Elisa Márquez	✓	4	0	1
Barbara Halliday	X	4	0	1
Francisco Zermeño	✓	5	0	0