

CITY COUNCIL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
Hayward City Hall – Conference Room 2A
777 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541-5007
September 17, 2019
4:30 p.m. – 6:24 p.m.
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, Director of Public Works
- Carol Lee, Management Analyst
- Crissy Mello, Senior Secretary (minutes recorder)
- Erik Pearson, Environmental Services Manager
- Fred Kelley, Transportation Manager
- Gary Nordahl, Building Official
- Jack Steinman, Climate Corps Fellow
- Jan Lee, Assistant Director of Public Works
- Jeff Krump, Solid Waste Program Manager
- Kait Byrne, Management Analyst
- Liliana Ventura, Associate Transportation Engineer
- Maria Hurtado, Assistant City Manager
- Nicole Grucky, Sustainability Specialist

Others:

- Aleida Andrino-Chavez, Associate Transportation Planner, Alameda County Transportation Commission
- Daisy Romero, Hayward Outreach Associate, Waste Management of Alameda County
- Kali Klotz, Municipal Coordinator, Waste Management of Alameda County
- Stacy Lee, Hayward Resident, Alameda County Office of Sustainability

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

1. Approval of Minutes of Council Sustainability Meeting July 8, 2019

The item was moved by Council Member Zermeño, seconded by Council Member Márquez, and approved unanimously.

2. E. 14th Street/Mission Boulevard and Fremont Boulevard Multimodal Corridor Project Update

Fred Kelley, Transportation Manager, provided the Committee with an update on the multimodal project aiming to provide more efficient transit service, including bike and pedestrian travel. The project's goal is to ease congestion along the corridor that begins in San Leandro and ends in South Fremont.

Council Member Zermeño inquired about project schedule in relation to the Mission Boulevard Phase III project and stated a preference that the multimodal project follow a shorter timeframe. Council Member Márquez commented on the importance of partner agencies' support for the corridor project and requested a presentation to Council.

Council Member Mendall expressed concern of designating a lane on Mission Boulevard for rapid bus only use and preferred the idea of a shared lane. He added that the project will have a large impact on Mission Boulevard and should be addressed as a long-term project. Aleida Andrino-Chavez, Associate Transportation Planner for the Alameda County Transportation Commission, commented on Alameda County Transit's new bus system scheduled to begin next year, and how the Committee may eventually refer to it for ideas. Public outreach and workshops would also be completed towards the end of October to gain perspective on alternatives for the corridor.

Committee Members directed staff to research the project further and provide an update at an upcoming Committee Meeting.

3. Draft Electrification Reach Codes for 2019 California Energy Code and California Green Building Standards Code

Public Works Director, Alex Ameri, introduced the item and Environmental Services Manager, Erik Pearson, presented the report. The presentation focused on proposed amendments to the California Energy Code and the California Green Building Standards Code.

Mr. Pearson explained to meet the State's 2045 Carbon Neutrality Goal the City must begin to phase out natural gas, and many cities are following suit with a reach code. Staff presented the different recommended requirements for newly constructed residential buildings and mixed-fuel options for non-residential buildings. This followed with reach code recommendations for electric vehicle charging infrastructures for newly constructed residential and non-residential projects.

Council Member Mendall stressed the need to meet the State's goal of carbon neutrality and was in favor of an electric-only requirement for residential construction. He also asked if the code would allow for variances to which staff responded in the negative. Council Member Márquez was in favor of a mixed-fuel option and researching grant options for those on a fixed income. Council Member Zermeño supported staff's recommendations and felt the draft Reach Code was near to being ready for Council presentation.

Greg Nordhal, Building Official, expressed his concern regarding allowing a mixed-fuel option and felt electric-only would be a more straightforward requirement. Council Member Zermeño noted the benefit of electric-only for earthquake safety.

Council Member Márquez asked staff to collect more information and stakeholder input and present to the Committee at the October 30, 2019 meeting.

4. Options for Addressing Litter in Hayward

Jeff Krump, Solid Waste Program Manager, presented the report and addressed the Committee's requests from the July 8, 2019 meeting.

Mr. Krump recommended that the City ban single-use plastic foodware using a phased approach and require foodware be as environmentally friendly as possible. He detailed the cost of placing additional public litter cans.

Council Member Mendall recommended staff consider hiring a consultant to do a one-time enforcement of the existing ordinances for a subset of business and determine compliance with existing ordinances. Council Member Zermeño suggested the item be re-visited once staff received more information on the use of public litter cans and their effectiveness. All Committee member agreed and asked staff to present the new findings at the January 13, 2020 meeting.

5. Establishing Hayward's Sustainability Goals for 2025 and 2030

Alex Ameri, Director of Public Works introduced the item and noted that the report would be the first of many for establishing new sustainability goals. Jack Steinman, Climate Corps Fellow, began the presentation by summarizing the goals and programs of other jurisdictions.

Erik Pearson, Environmental Services Manager, continued the presentation with a recommended framework and list of focus areas for new sustainability goals. Staff asked the Committee for their thoughts on the suggested focus areas and the State's 2045 carbon neutrality goal. Council Member Márquez felt more time may be needed to thoroughly review the matrix and determine areas of focus.

Council Member Mendall felt comfortable with staff's suggested goals and timeline. He directed staff to prepare a more aggressive amendment to the General Plan that could be reviewed at the next Committee meeting in the Fall. He also noted that a 20% reduction of emissions once felt impossible, but the City succeeded and that the focus should remain on reducing greenhouse gasses.

Council Member Zermeño agreed with staff's recommendation and asked that the goals be prioritized from most effective to least effective as suggested by Chair Mendall. This list would then be presented to Council. All Committee members agreed for more aggressive goals.

Council Member Mendall asked staff to research the goals further and present the Committee with a prioritized matrix at the October 30, 2019 meeting.

6. Proposed 2019/2020 Agenda Planning Calendar

Council Member Mendall asked for clarification on some agenda items. Alex Ameri, Public Works Director, explained that some agenda items were retitled such as the previously titled Green New Deal item. Council Member Mendall reminded staff that the upcoming sustainability goals report should focus on the item in a collective manner and adjust the greenhouse gas reduction goals as discussed earlier in the meeting. He also asked staff to revise the Reach Code to only allow for Electric Vehicle Ready (and not EV Capable).

COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REFERRALS:

Alex Ameri, Director of Public Works, announced that the City's water sampling for lead and copper had been completed. The results indicated no samples were above actionable levels, as has been the case since 1991.

Erik Pearson, Environmental Services Manager, announced that the Fall compost give-away has been scheduled for October 19, 2019 at Tennyson High School. There will also be two energy workshops to educate the public on energy efficiency at the Matt Jimenez Community Center. This workshop will be conducted in Spanish on October 26, 2019 and in English on November 4, 2019.

Director Ameri added that all thirty interested recycled water customers have officially elected for the service, and interest for the service is growing.

Council Member Mendall shared the well-received comments from the public on the new library's artwork and green features.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:24 p.m. MEETINGS

Attendance	Present 09/17/19 Meeting	Present to Date This Fiscal Year	Excused to Date This Fiscal Year	Absent to Date This Fiscal Year
Elisa Márquez	✓	2	0	0
Al Mendall	✓	2	0	0
Francisco Zermeño	✓	2	0	0