

CITY COUNCIL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
Remote Participation – Digital Zoom Meeting
November 9, 2020
4:30 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
- Erik Pearson, Environmental Services Manager
- Irene Perez, Senior Secretary (Recorder)
- Jeff Krump, Solid Waste Manager
- Kaitlyn Byrne, Management Analyst
- Maria Hurtado, Assistant City Manager
- Nick Tabari, Audio Visual Specialist
- Nicole Gucky, Sustainability Specialist
- Tim Lohnes, GIS Technician

Others:

- Brad Cea, WMAC Area Sales & Public Sector Director
- Cathy Ng, WMAC Senior Financial Analyst
- Jillian Buckholz, Sustainability Director, California State University East Bay
- Kim Huggett, Hayward Chamber of Commerce
- Todd Nienhouse, WMAC Senior District Manager
- Virginia Harrington, WMAC Public Sector Manager

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

1. Approval of Minutes of the Council Sustainability Committee (CSC) Meeting held on October 15, 2020

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

2. Possible Elements of a New Solid Waste Franchise Agreement: Review and Provide Direction to Staff

Jeff Krump, Solid Waste Programs Manager, introduced Virginia Harrington, Public Sector Manager with Waste Management of Alameda County (WMAC) who presented on the possible elements of a new solid waste franchise agreement to provide Hayward with solid waste, recycling, and organic materials, collection, and processing services.

Jillian Buckholz made a public comment inquiring if the technology to weigh dumpsters was available. Brad Cea, Area Sales & Public Sector Director of WMAC, answered that this was an optional technology that can be put on the trucks and that the technology is evolving.

Council Member Zermeño commented that he liked the smart truck technology and that he would like to continue to see advancement with electric vehicles. He inquired about the progress of negotiations. Director Ameri explained that negotiations have been productive and that the City team has expressed an interest in implementing electric vehicles but the technology may not be available for the next couple of years. He also mentioned that implementation of new legislation, SB 1383, Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (SLCP) Reduction Act, is a component that is currently being worked on through the negotiations.

Council Member Márquez stated her support for using the new organics recovery facility to do an additional layer of sorting but also expressed her apprehension of the costs. She stated that she is interested in additional trash cans throughout the community and would like to see illegal dumping addressed as well. Council Member Márquez expressed that she is open to the camera technology but concerned about items not belonging to the trash bin owners being illegally put into the bins. Erik Pearson, Environmental Services Manager, explained that this issue is addressed by either putting a lock on the bin or locating the bin in a secure location. Council Member Márquez expressed that she would like to see an increase of trash cans by about twenty to twenty-five per fiscal year until the authorized number of 400 is reached and also an increase in illegal dumping pick-ups by at least ten per week.

Council Member Mendall expressed his agreement with his colleagues and his flexibility with the contract length.

3. Service Stations Selling Fossil Fuel: Consider a Moratorium and/or Zoning Ordinance Amendment Regarding Service Stations Selling Fossil Fuels

Erik Pearson, Environmental Services Manager, presented on service stations selling fossil fuel and a possible related moratorium and/or Zoning Ordinance amendments.

A public comment was made by Kim Huggett who stated that there is already a Zoning Ordinance that addresses this issue and he also expressed his concern for trucking companies that need fueling stations for their vehicles. He stated his desire to preserve access to fossil fuel stations and to not limit them as they also serve as convenience markets.

Council Member Mendall advocated for a simple resolution instead of an ordinance. He stated that a possibility was to present, in a resolution, the Council's interest in moving away from fossil fuels over time and the preference not to approve new fossil fuel fueling stations. Additionally, he suggested that staff could bring new applications to the Council Economic Development Committee (CEDC) for concept review to provide guidance to business owners early in the process.

Council Member Márquez expressed her agreement with Council Member Mendall that applications should be referred to the full Council as well as to the CEDC.

Council Member Zermeño concurred that the resolution path was a good idea.

4. Receive Update on the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Customer Portal Pilot Program

Kait Byrne, Management Analyst, presented an update on the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Customer Portal Pilot Program.

Council Member Zermeño stated he was impressed with the program and Council Member Márquez also expressed her excitement. Council Member Mendall stated that personally the WaterSmart software was in the lead and also thanked Kait for the presentation.

5. StopWaste Priorities for 2021-2023

Nicole Grucky, Sustainability Specialist, presented a report on StopWaste's current priorities as well as potential new priorities for 2021-2023 for the Committee's consideration.

Council Member Zermeño stated that he was impressed with the presentation and that the priorities were excellent.

Council Member Márquez expressed her desire to see community outreach grants moved up on the priorities list and both landfill obsolescence and carbon farming to be moved down.

Council Member Mendall advocated for the elimination of the StopWaste Energy Council noting that with East Bay Community Energy, the Energy Council is no longer necessary. He also agreed that landfill obsolescence should be moved down on the priorities list. Additionally, Council Member Mendall recommended focusing on reducing single use plastics, setting it as a high priority item.

6. Five-Year Agenda Planning Calendar: Review and Comment on the Proposed 5-Year Agenda Planning Calendar

Council Member Zermeño stated that he would like a Recycled Water update report.

COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REFERRALS:

Director Ameri and staff thanked Council Member Mendall for thirteen years of service to the Council Sustainability Committee and recognized his contributions to and accomplishments in the City of Hayward's sustainability efforts.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:14 p.m.

Attendance	MEETINGS			
	Present 11/09/20 Meeting	Present to Date This Fiscal Year	Excused to Date This Fiscal Year	Absent to Date This Fiscal Year
Elisa Márquez	✓	4	0	0
Al Mendall	✓	4	0	0
Francisco Zermeño	✓	4	0	0