

CITY COUNCIL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
Hayward City Hall – Conference Room 2A
777 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541-5007
July 8, 2019
4:30 p.m. – 6:25 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
- Erik Pearson, Environmental Services Manager
- Jack Steinman, Climate Corps Fellow
- Jan Lee, Water Resources Manager
- Jeff Krump, Solid Waste Program Manager
- Kait Byrne, Management Analyst
- Maria Hurtado, Assistant City Manager
- Nicole Gucky, Sustainability Specialist

Others:

- Greg Galati, Hayward Resident
- Jonathan Kelves, Senior Business Development Manager, Ameresco
- Kali Klotz, Municipal Coordinator, Waste Management of Alameda County
- Stacy Lee, Hayward Resident, Alameda County Office of Sustainability
- Virginia Harrington, Public Sector Manager, Waste Management of Alameda County

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

1. Approval of Minutes of Council Sustainability Meeting May 13, 2019

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

2. Options for Addressing Litter in Hayward

Jeff Krump, Solid Waste Program Manager, presented the report on the City's on-going challenge to address litter. Mr. Krump stated that the Maintenance Services Department will be adding four new employees to collect litter in targeted areas throughout the City

and staff is currently working on litter collection requirements for businesses, specifically those with fast food drive-throughs and other litter reduction methods such as contract collection crews and outreach campaigns.

Greg Galati thanked the City for the addition of four new Maintenance workers. He suggested that multi-family properties provide rent reduction for residents who help pick up litter.

Council Member Márquez requested an update on the single-use plastic ban ordinance. Mr. Krump answered that staff is conducting more outreach to businesses before presenting the ordinance to Council. Council Member Márquez also requested staff measure the results of the four new positions and provide a quarterly report on the visual impact of the maintenance. Additionally, she would like to see trash cans at all retail stores and restaurants. Council Member Zermeño asked that trash cans located in the Tennyson corridor be serviced more frequently.

Council Member Mendall called for a report on the amount of trash captured in storm drains. He also directed staff for a public deadline date on the single-use plastic ban ordinance and for a set of automatic conditions applied to establishments for litter collection. In addition, he requested the fiscal impact for adding trash cans to all roads that have two or more lanes in each direction. His goal is to have 1000 additional trash cans throughout the City.

It was suggested that more public outreach be conducted to educate residents on the reduction of litter. Council Members directed staff to research further and provide an update at the next Committee meeting.

3. Possible Renewable Energy Product for Municipal Facilities

Chair Mendall introduced the item and Environmental Services Manager, Erik Pearson, presented the report. Mr. Pearson detailed the new potential East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) electricity product generated from renewable energy projects in California and recapped the City's goal to be zero net energy (ZNE) by 2025.

He further explained that the City currently generates approximately 56% of the City's electricity demand and could benefit from this program to reach the City's goal by negotiating a long-term purchase agreement up to 20 years. It was recommended by staff that the City limit its purchase to 20% of its current demand as the City is on track to generating additional renewable energy from Capital Improvement Projects.

Jonathan Kelves, Senior Business Development Manager, Ameresco, commented that the City could benefit from a RFQ. He explained that Ameresco would think holistically about the best needs for the City. Upon an inquiry about the City-owned solar facility, Public Works Director, Alex Ameri, explained that PG&E tariffs have restricted the City from using the facility to its full potential. Director Ameri added that the City has a history of utilizing the types of companies Mr. Kelves has recommended for guidance.

Council Member Márquez expressed support for the initiative and for replacement of natural gas equipment. She noted importance of battery storage facilities in the event of a natural disaster such as an earthquake.

Council Member Mendall acknowledged the City's need for guidance to reach its ZNE goal and was in agreement for use of a RFQ to help achieve the City's goal. Council Member Zermeño commented on his support of the initiative and EBCE overall. Director Ameri cited the nutrient management requirements and the associated increased electrical demand it will have on the City's Water Pollution Control Facility.

Council Member Mendall acknowledged the need of more solar as the community electrifies. He directed staff to conduct more research and provide an update to the Committee at a later date.

4. Annual Update on City's Waste Reduction and Recycling Program

Jeff Krump, Solid Waste Program Manager, presented the report and detailed the mandates and goals required for diversion by the State, the County and the Franchise Agreement. He noted that staff has been working with Waste Management on educating the public to help reduce contamination of the organics and recycle bins. Mr. Krump summarized SB54 and AB1080, which are intended to reduce contamination and plastic waste.

Mr. Krump reported that business and resident subscriptions for recycling services remained the same as the previous year. However, business use of organic collection increased by 1%. Bulky collection service increased from the previous year, and there's continued effort to promote the program. Council Member Márquez recommended staff conduct outreach in the Stack and advertise on electronic billboards located in Hayward.

It was recommended that staff add an Access Hayward option of reporting overflowing trash cans. Council Member Zermeño directed staff to focus on outreach to restaurants not participating in organic service.

The item was moved by Council Member Márquez, seconded by Councilmember Márquez, and approved unanimously to recommend that Council authorize the Mayor to send letters of support for SB54 and AB1080.

5. Report of Implementation of Renewable Diesel at All City Vehicle Fueling Stations

Kait Byrne, Management Analyst, reported on the success of the renewable diesel trial period at Fire Station 1, which is the primary fueling site for seven City vehicles. Ms. Byrne stated that the drivers of the vehicles reported no difference in mileage or engine performance. Fleet staff is currently working on transitioning all ten City fueling stations to renewable diesel due to the pilot program's success. She added that the City is now researching the use of renewable diesel for emergency backup generators.

Council Member Márquez inquired about containment safety of renewable diesel in the event of an earthquake. Mr. Ameri assured Council Member Márquez that diesel storage is double-walled and meets all requirements for containment.

6. Participation in the 2019 SunShares Program

Erik Pearson, Environmental Services Manager, summarized the solar and electric vehicle discount program which the City has participated in since 2016. The program is now expanding to promote building electrification, including solar in residential homes.

Staff recommended that the City submit a letter of support to the Business Council on Climate change and commit to outreach for the program. Council Member Mendall recommended the program eventually be passed off to EBCE. Council Member Márquez asked staff to announce the Leaflet newsletter in the Stack to obtain more outreach on the program.

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

7. SB 1383: The Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Act – New Regulations to Reduce Methane Emissions from Organic Waste

Jack Steinmann, Climate Corps Fellow, presented the report on CalRecycle's new regulations for organic waste disposal. These new regulations will require the City to implement edible food recovery and reduce disposal organic waste by 50% by 2020. Staff noted that CalRecycle is over-reaching on some of the draft regulations and asked for the Committee's support to submit a comment letter.

Council Member Zermeño expressed his concern with CalRecycle's requirement of replacing the City's current trash collection bins and the additional waste it would cause. Council Member Márquez agreed this requirement would be counterproductive.

Council Member Zermeño asked staff to add a fourth item on the comment letter to CalRecycle regarding the amount of waste the disposal of trash bins would create.

The item was moved by Council Member Márquez, seconded by Councilmember Márquez, and approved unanimously to recommend the Mayor send a comment letter to CalRecycle.

8. Proposed 2019 Agenda Planning Calendar

Erik Pearson, Environmental Services Manager, commented that the next two Committee meetings fall on holidays, and Council Members discussed availability for the month of September.

Council Member Mendall stressed to staff the need to have the Draft Reach Code ready for Council presentation by the next Council Sustainability meeting. He also asked for a report on the Green New Deal per the Mayor's request.

Council Member Zermeño asked for an update on City tree inventory and directed staff to provide an update after discussing with Maintenance Services.

9. CPUC Flyer for Convening – Preventing and Reducing Utility Disconnections

Director Ameri explained the flyer was informational with material on providing protection for utility customers from disconnection.

COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REFERRALS:

Council Member Zermeño announced that he would be visiting the world's biggest tree.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:25 p.m. MEETINGS

Attendance	Present 07/08/19 Meeting	Present to Date This Fiscal Year	Excused to Date This Fiscal Year	Absent to Date This Fiscal Year
Elisa Márquez	✓	1	0	0
Al Mendall*	✓	1	0	0
Francisco Zermeño	✓	1	0	0