

CITY COUNCIL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
Remote Participation – Digital Zoom Meeting
January 11, 2021
4:30 p.m. – 5:54 p.m.
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Halliday.

ROLL CALL:

Members:

- Barbara Halliday, Mayor/CSC Chair
- Elisa Márquez, City Council Member
- Francisco Zermeño, City Council Member

Staff:

- Alex Ameri, Director of Public Works
- Elisa Wilfong, Water Pollution Control Administrator
- Erik Pearson, Environmental Services Manager
- Jeff Krump, Solid Waste Manager
- Jennifer Ott, Assistant City Manager
- Linda Ko, Senior Secretary (Recorder)
- Nicole Grucky, Sustainability Specialist

ELECTION OF CHAIR

A nomination for Mayor Halliday to be the new Committee Chair was made by Council Member Márquez, seconded by Council Member Zermeño, and approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

1. Approval of Minutes of the Council Sustainability Committee (CSC) Meeting held on November 9, 2020

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

2. Update on City's Waste Reduction and Recycling Programs: Review and Comment

Jeff Krump, Solid Waste Program Manager, presented a report on the solid waste, recycling, and organic materials services provided by Waste Management of Alameda County (WMAC) to Hayward residents and businesses.

Council Member Zermeño inquired about the possibility of placing a dumpster at the end of Barnes Court for deposit of bulky waste. Director Alex Ameri explained that this approach in the past led to dumping of items in the location even after the dumpster was removed. Council Member Zermeño also expressed his support for scheduling future compost giveaways.

Mayor Halliday stated she was in support of more education to the public in regard to recycling, conserving resources, reducing single-use plastics and possibly working with schools to educate students.

Council Member Márquez recommended asking Council Member Angela Andrews, liaison to the Keep Hayward Clean and Green Task Force, if the group would be interested in doing a video on how to properly sort and clean items for recycling. She suggested that the video could be launched in The Stack newsletter which could also serve as an introduction to The Leaflet, the City of Hayward's environmental newsletter.

3. Municipal Regional Permit 3.0 Draft and Reissuance Schedule: Review and Provide Direction to Staff

Elisa Wilfong, Water Pollution Control Administrator, presented on the pending revision and third permit cycle for the Municipal Regional Permit MPR 3.0 which is expected to be adopted in the spring of 2021 by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Council Member Márquez recommended consulting with the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District regarding concerns about sitting water and vectors. Elisa Wilfong responded that staff had already addressed the issue and now had a list of certified devices that would not disrupt the routine control of vectors.

Council Member Zermeño expressed his concerns about businesses that were not maintaining their facilities and becoming a source of trash in the community and possibly stormwater. He suggested the City take measures to ensure that businesses take care of their properties.

Mayor Halliday recommended more education, public outreach campaigns and possibly working with schools to focus on the importance of reducing waste. She also suggested continuing to look for opportunities for additional funding in order to implement and meet regulatory requirements.

4. 2019 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory

Nicole Grucky, Sustainability Specialist, presented the results of the 2019 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory and provided a comparison to previous inventories.

Council Member Zermeño asked if there was any way to control off road vehicle emissions. Director Ameri stated that these emissions were mainly associated with construction vehicles and that their use was not exclusive to Hayward. Nicole Grucky stated that staff was working with Waste Management to potentially incorporate electric vehicles into the fleet.

Council Member Márquez thanked staff for the presentation on the annual update and expressed her interest in seeing the future results from 2020 and the effects of the changes in transportation due to the pandemic.

5. Proposed 2021 Agenda Planning Calendar: Review and Comment

Director Ameri stated that in the next meeting in March, staff would be presenting an update on the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan, an informational item on recycling and

recyclables markets and an update on the results of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Customer Portal Pilot Program.

Council Member Márquez requested that staff look into the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty (FFNPT) be added to the list of unscheduled agenda items for the future.

COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REFERRALS:

Director Ameri gave an oral update stating that the water level in the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir and the water bank were just slightly below normal but were at normal levels in comparison to SFPUC’s local reservoirs. He also stated that the photovoltaic system for the library had been completed and that this would significantly decrease the electrical expenses of the library and would help the library become a zero net energy facility.

Council Member Zermeño recommended working with Maintenance Services Department to replace the eucalyptus trees that were removed at Jackson Street between Soto Road and Santa Clara Street with redwood trees.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:54 p.m.

Attendance	MEETINGS			
	Present 01/11/21 Meeting	Present to Date This Fiscal Year	Excused to Date This Fiscal Year	Absent to Date This Fiscal Year
Elisa Márquez	✓	5	0	0
Barbara Halliday	✓	1	0	0
Francisco Zermeño	✓	5	0	0