

CITY COUNCIL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
Hayward City Hall – Conference Room 2A
777 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541-5007

July 10, 2017
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 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 Utilities & Environmental Services
- Stacey Bristow, Interim Director of Development Services
- Jan Lee, Water Resources Manager
- Erik Pearson, Environmental Services Manager
- Jeff Krump, Solid Waste Program Manager
- Mary Thomas, Management Analyst
- Christopher Sturken, CivicSpark AmeriCorps Fellow
- Carol Lee, Administrative Secretary (Recorder)

Others:

- Shova Ale Magar, Waste Management of Alameda County (WMAC)
- Vanessa Barberis, WMAC
- Chris Bradt, Frontier Energy/BayREN
- Tatiana Gefor, Frontier Energy

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

1. Approval of Minutes of Council Sustainability Meeting on May 8, 2017.

It was moved by Council Member Zermeño, seconded by Council Member Márquez, and carried unanimously, to approve the minutes of the Council Sustainability Committee meeting of May 8, 2017.

2. Update on Sustainable Groundwater Management Activities

Water Resources Manager Jan Lee provided a brief overview and discussed two actions for Committee consideration. Ms. Lee also mentioned a small portion of the East Bay Plain Subbasin that is not covered by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), but will be covered as part of the proposed MOU between East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) and the City.

Council Member Zermeño asked how difficult it would be to incorporate the unmanaged subbasin area into the City corporate boundaries. Director Ameri explained that the subject property is located in Union City, and incorporation is highly unlikely.

Chair Mendall suggested that staff consider recouping some cost for acting on the owner's behalf, noting that staff time will be involved with such coordination.

Discussion ensued regarding grant funding and the cost allocations for the remaining portion not funded by the State. Staff explained that the cost will be shared equitably based on acreage and benefit to each agency. Chair Mendall expressed his concerns that the cost sharing was not divided proportionally between EBMUD and the City, but deferred to staff to ensure that it would be divided equitably.

It was moved by Council Member Zermeño, seconded by Council Member Márquez, and carried unanimously, for staff to take the necessary actions to bring to the City Council for consideration a resolution authorizing execution of an MOU with EBMUD to partner on Sustainable Groundwater Management Act activities and supporting EBMUD's grant application for funding assistance to prepare the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

3. Annual Update on City's Waste Reduction and Recycling Programs

Chair Mendall announced that staff would present Item 4, Update on PAYS Implementation, before Item 3, Annual Update on City's Waste Reduction and Recycling Programs.

Solid Waste Program Manager Jeff Krump presented the report and mentioned some new outreach efforts implemented to increase the diversion rate. Committee members and staff discussed the various services that Waste Management of Alameda County (WMAC) offers, rate setting, the shortcomings regarding bulky item removal service, illegal dumping, and the need for short-notice bulky item removal for multifamily dwellings.

The Committee asked staff to consider innovative methods to increase bulky item removal service participation, and work with WMAC staff to fully utilize the City's

six weekly allotted abandoned debris removals in order to alleviate Maintenance Services staff, who usually responds to such requests.

Chair Mendall requested that staff consider another site for the next Compost Giveaway event. Council Member Zermeño suggested Leidig Court and Tennyson Road. Staff appreciated the suggestion, and will look into the possibility of hosting future events at the suggested site. Council Member Zermeño also suggested providing wood chips, in addition to the free compost, as a way to increase the aesthetics of our neighborhoods.

4. Update on PAYS Implementation

Management Analyst Mary Thomas presented the report, and highlighted completed PAYS projects and active PAYS proposals.

The Committee discussed potential barriers to the program, staff time dedicated to the program, and the proposed flexible repayment terms of five to ten years.

Chair Mendall asked that staff reevaluate the effectiveness of the program in a year to ensure that the participation outweighs the cost of the City to implement the program.

The Committee recommended allowing flexible repayment terms from three to ten years and allowing for prepayment without penalty.

It was moved by Council Member Márquez, seconded by, Council Member Zermeño and carried unanimously, to recommend to Council adoption of a resolution to modify the PAYS Program repayment terms per the Committee's direction.

5. Consideration of CMFA Open PACE

Management Analyst Mary Thomas presented the report on Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE).

Committee members and City staff discussed potential risks, contractor screening, State legislation, consumer protection requirements, and feedback from Hayward community members.

The Committee was in favor of the Association of Bay Area Governments' addendum. The Committee also expressed their support of staff bringing a revised resolution before Council that removes any of the current PACE programs operating in Hayward that decide not to sign the addendum.

It was moved, and carried unanimously, for staff to take the necessary actions to bring to the City Council for consideration a resolution authorizing the City Manager to join CMFA Open PACE and sign ABAG addendums to the RCSA.

5. Proposed CSC 2017 Agenda Planning Calendar

Director Ameri mentioned that staff has reached out to Hayward Unified School District (HUSD) regarding lead testing at the schools before the summer recess, at no cost to HUSD, and did not receive a response. The Committee commented that no further action is needed, but was glad that staff would be available if HUSD responded.

Council Member Zermeño expressed his desire for staff to pursue bike sharing. Chair Mendall and staff responded that the City would have to construct the appropriate infrastructure to support the use of bicycles, and achieve the critical mass before pursuing bike share programs within the City.

Chair Mendall inquired why Car Sharing was on the September Agenda, and wanted to confirm that there had been noteworthy updates since the Committee had last discussed the topic. Staff responded that notable updates will be presented.

Chair Mendall requested that an update on the Zero Net Energy Goal be addressed within a year's time.

Chair Mendall noted that the September agenda looks full. Environmental Services Manager, Erik Pearson mentioned that the Accelerating Multifamily Building Upgrades may potentially be postponed.

Director Ameri informed the Committee that staff had been looking into a Climate Literacy Requirement resolution which the Sierra Club wished to recommend to HUSD. At this time, the Sierra Club has not presented the resolution to HUSD, and staff will not be bringing this item before the Committee for consideration. The Committee agreed.

COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REFERRALS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:07 p.m.

Attendance	Present 07/11/17 Meeting	MEETINGS		
		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

✓ = Present O = absent X = excused

* Chair