

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

January 14, 2019  
4:30 p.m. – 6:14 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, Interim Director of Public Works
- Maria Hurtado, Assistant City Manager
- Jan Lee, Water Resources Manager
- Erik Pearson, Environmental Services Manager
- Jeff Krump, Solid Waste Program Manager
- Nicole Gucky, Sustainability Specialist
- Carol Lee, Management Analyst I
- Kait Byrne, Management Analyst I
- Elli Lo, Management Analyst I
- Bob Genera, Utilities Maintenance Supervisor
- Brandon Hutchens, Climate Corps Fellow
- Angel Groves, Administrative Secretary

Others:

- Greg Galati, Hayward Resident
- Stacy Lee, Alameda County Office of Sustainability
- Minane Jameson, HARD Board President

*Chair Al Mendall asked that Public Comments and the approval of the Minutes from the January 14, 2019, meeting be postponed until Council Member Marquez arrived.*

**2. Diesel Backup Generators: Environmental Impacts and Feasibility of Alternatives**

Director Ameri introduced the item and Management Analyst I, Kait Byrne, presented the report.

Council Member Mendall inquired why the use of a back-up emergency generator is necessary at the Library and should power go down, would it make sense to close the library to the public versus the cost of a generator. Director Ameri explained if power is lost, without a back-up generator, we would be unable to use solar energy.

The library could be closed in a non-emergency situation, however, if we needed to use the library as a staging area during an emergency situation, a back-up generator would be needed.

*Council Member Marquez joined the meeting.*

Council Member Marquez asked if staff has plans to replace all existing generators with Tier 4 generators at a cost of \$9 million. Director Ameri confirmed that the City has no intention of replacing any generator before it fails. Staff will consider the best available technology when replacing a failing generator on a case-by-case basis. Council Member Mendall noted the report mentions switching the City's fleet to biodiesel fuel and asked which vehicles would be affected. Staff advised that City trucks and some construction equipment use diesel fuel and may be able to use biodiesel. Council Member Mendall asked staff to investigate using biodiesel. He also asked that staff provide a memorandum to the Committee on a potential switch to biodiesel.

The Committee thanked staff for the report.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Resident, Greg Galati, praised the Committee, the Keep Hayward Clean and Green Task Force, and City staff for their efforts to keep City streets clean. He also acknowledged the challenge of keeping the City clean and that streets don't stay clean for long. Mr. Galati suggested assigning certain staff specifically to the task of litter removal.

The Committee thanked Mr. Galati for his comments and suggestions, and his continued efforts in keeping City streets clean.

Council Member Marquez encouraged Mr. Galati to attend the Council's budget work session scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., in Conference Room 2A.

### **1. Approval of Minutes of Council Sustainability Committee Meeting on November 26, 2018.**

Council Member Marquez noted an item erroneously reported on Page 2, Item 3 of the minutes, which indicated that the proposed litter fee added to business license applications would be ready for the 2020 ballot when in fact, it should state that it would *not* be ready. Council Member Mendall noted a small typo. Staff acknowledged the errors and advised that the revisions would be made and provided to the Committee at the March 11, 2019 Committee meeting.

The item was moved by Chair Mendall, seconded by Council Member Márquez, and the minutes from the November 26, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.

## **2. Natural Gas Use in New Construction**

Director Ameri introduced Environmental Services Manager, Erik Pearson, who presented the item.

Council Member Marquez encouraged staff to continue to work with other municipalities to collaborate on mutually agreed upon ordinance and asked for clarification on the region staff is working with.

Mr. Pearson advised that twenty to twenty-five local jurisdictions throughout the nine-county Bay Area have indicted a shared interest.

Council Member Marquez acknowledged her support and encouraged early communication with builders and planning staff.

Council Member Mendall asked for clarification from staff as to possible Federal laws that would prevent the City from putting in place regulations that prohibit the use of natural gas. Mr. Pearson clarified that the reach code would not ban natural gas, but would likely encourage all-electric construction.

Council Member Mendall mentioned an item scheduled for the City Council Meeting on January 22, 2019, Declaration of Climate Change, and a statement that indicates the immediate halt in natural gas use. He suggested that staff not go the route of a hard ban, but rather add additional requirements for builders or provide incentives/variances to opt out of using natural gas.

Director Ameri advised that Council action would be needed for staff to research and create a list of acceptable incentives to be made available to developers that chose to forgo the use of natural gas. Council Member Mendall made a formal motion for staff prepare the information, with pros and cons, and take it before Council for action; Council Member Marquez second the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Council Member Zermeño reiterated the Committee's desire to work closely with other jurisdictions.

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

Director Ameri introduced Solid Waste Manager, Jeff Krump, who presented the item.

In response to the information provided pertaining to the compost giveaway, Council Member Zermeño asked if the event was costly to the City, when including staff time, etc. Mr. Krump confirmed that staff is paid at an overtime rate for their assistance with the event. Director Ameri, clarified that the expense is not an impact on the General Fund, but rather on the Recycling Fund. Mr. Krump added that the compost is delivered by Waste Management (WM) at no cost to the City.

Council Member Zermeño asked if staff was providing outreach to the public that encourages creating compost piles at home. He encouraged staff to increase those efforts to increase participation.

Council Member Marquez verified that the compost giveaway takes place twice annually and asked that other HUSD campuses be taken into consideration, such as Mt. Eden High School, as event locations. She clarified that the Committee did specifically ask that Tennyson High School be used as the main location, though she would like to see events alternate between South Hayward and North Hayward.

In reference to the bulky pick up service available to residents, Council Member Marquez asked staff to work with the City's Public Information Officer to use all resources available to advertise the service to the community.

Council Member Mendall asked staff to work with WM to secure additional bulky pick-ups in lieu of not meeting the target percentages for Franchise Recovery.

Council Member Marquez asked that additional information and direction be provided to residents next year on proper disposal of Christmas trees. She asked that staff utilize all resources available to disseminate information to the public.

#### **4. Sustainability Guidelines for Special Events**

Director Ameri introduced Nicole Grucky, Sustainability Specialist, who presented the item.

Council Member Márquez thanked staff for their outreach efforts and shared her excitement with staff that greater effort is being placed in making all City events green. She suggested encouraging event coordinators to use such items as butcher paper, craft paper, etc., in lieu of plastic disposable table covers. She also asked staff to target businesses that are still using polystyrene and assist with educating them on alternatives.

Staff informed the Committee of additional efforts being made to educate event coordinators and the public attending such events by providing signage, proper bins for recycling and organics removal, speaking to coordinators prior to events to review their purchasing plans and guide them towards better alternatives. She thanked staff for including travel options to events such as BART and AC Transit. Council Member Zermeño and Council Member Mendall concurred with Council Member Márquez on all points made and thanked Ms. Grucky for the presentation.

#### **5. Proposed Amendment to the 2009 Water Supply Agreement with the City and County of San Francisco**

Director Ameri introduced Water Resources Manager, Jan Lee, who presented the item.

Council Member Mendall commented that there is a benefit to having San Jose and Santa Clara included as purchasers to share the total cost. Marquez moved and the Committee voted unanimously to approve staff's proposed amendments to the Water Supply Agreement.

Council Member Mendall asked that the item be brought to Council before the February meeting of the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency.

Ms. Lee continued the presentation with a recommendation to omit the language that would amend the existing minimum purchase requirements from the Water Supply Agreement. Council Member Mendall moved and the Committee voted unanimously to approved staff's recommendation.

## **6. Proposed 2019 Agenda Planning Calendar**

Council Member Zermeño reminded staff that he would like to see an item on urban forests added to unscheduled items. Director Ameri acknowledged the request and ensured the Committee that the item would be added.

Council Member Mendall would like to see additional options for addressing illegal dumping and liter citywide and for staff to review and select the more feasible resources.

Council Member Márquez asked that meetings that fall on City observed holidays be rescheduled prior to the August Council recess, so Committee members can adjust their schedules accordingly.

Council Member Mendall kindly requested that staff not schedule meetings the third week of the month.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REFERRALS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 6:14 p.m.

## **Meeting Attendance**

	Present 1/14/19 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