

CITY COUNCIL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
Remote Participation – Digital Zoom Meeting
May 10, 2021
4:35 p.m. – 6:39 p.m.
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 4:35 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
- Cheryl Munoz, Water Resources Manager
- Erik Pearson, Environmental Services Manager
- Jeff Krump, Solid Waste Manager
- Jennifer Ott, Assistant City Manager
- Linda Ko, Senior Secretary (Recorder)
- Taylor Richard, Climate Corp Fellow

Other:

- Alex DiGiorgio, East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) Public Engagement Manager
- Edward Bogue, Member of the Public
- Jessie Denver, EBCE Senior Distributed Energy Resources Manager
- JP Ross, EBCE Vice President of Local Development, Electrification and Innovation
- Michelle Ellison, Member of the Public
- Rachel Balsley, StopWaste Senior Program Manager
- Tom Kelly, Member of the Public

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

1. Approval of Minutes of the Council Sustainability Committee (CSC) Meeting Held on March 8, 2021

The item was moved by Council Member Zermeño and seconded by Mayor Halliday.

2. Default Electricity Product from East Bay Community Energy

Erik Pearson, Environmental Services Manager, presented a report on default electricity product options from East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) and asked the Committee for a recommendation to Council for a new default product to take effect January 1, 2022.

Council Member Elisa Márquez asked for clarification on the language in the staff report stating, “all Hayward accounts.” Mr. Pearson clarified that this language was referring to

municipal accounts and not all City-wide accounts. Council Member Márquez also inquired about why the Board decision on the default product was to be made in July and not in September. Mr. Pearson stated that staff wanted to make sure that they could do significant outreach after the decision was made. Alex Digiorgio, EBCE Public Engagement Manager, also added that there would be a Board recess in August and a later decision would not allow much time for focused outreach.

Tom Kelly, a member of the public, made a public comment advocating opting up to the Renewable 100 option as the default for all customers to minimize additional greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere. Another public comment was made by Michelle Ellison, a member of the public and Clean Power Alliance (CPA) representative, suggesting staff explore the option of providing low-income customers enrolled in Renewable 100 with a no extra cost rate subsidized by other customers.

Council Member Zermeño recommended going with the first option of Renewable 100 as the default for all customers.

Council Member Márquez also expressed her support of the first default option of Renewable 100. She also stated her preference for community outreach before the decision was made and suggested staff publish the information in *The Haystack*, *The Leaflet* and other outreach mediums to minimize a significant opt out rate.

Mayor Barbara Halliday agreed with the need for community outreach. She also wanted to make sure community members would know that they would have the choice of opting down to Bright Choice as well.

A motion to move the recommendation of Renewable 100 as the default for all customers, residential and commercial, except for residential customers receiving income or medical-related discounts was made by Council Member Zermeño. The motion was seconded by Council Member Márquez and approved unanimously.

3. Update on Negotiations for New Solid Waste Franchise Agreement

Jeff Krump, Solid Waste Program Manager, presented an update on negotiations for a new solid waste franchise agreement with Waste Management of Alameda County (WMAC) and asked the Committee to provide a recommendation to Council on the extension of the negotiating period to December 31, 2021.

Council Member Márquez thanked staff for the presentation and asked for more information on the utilization of the Main Street Office pre-COVID before coming to a decision on its permanent closure. She also expressed her preference for adding 50 new public litter cans per year for the first two years of the new contract.

Council Member Zermeño thanked Mr. Krump for his report and stated that he was open to the possible closure of the Main Street Office if it would allow for more funds for bulky item pickups. He also expressed his concern about the requirements of Senate Bill 1383, which would create more landfill as all current containers would be replaced. Council Member Zermeño inquired of the possibility of collecting WMAC payments at City Hall. Alex Ameri, Director of Public Works, stated there were difficulties to this process and that staff would provide more information when the item went to City Council.

A motion to move the recommendation to extend the negotiation period until December 31, 2021 was made by Council Member Márquez. The motion was seconded by Council Member Zermeño and approved unanimously.

4. Solar and Storage for Critical Facilities

Erik Pearson presented a report on a new procurement program through EBCE that is aiming to deploy solar and battery energy storage systems, Solar and Storage, at critical municipal facilities and asked that the Committee provide comments and direction to staff.

Council Member Márquez thanked staff for the presentation and asked that staff present the rationale for the specific building choices when the item was brought to City Council in the future.

A motion to move the recommendation to Council to approve a resolution in support of the solar and storage for critical facilities, with detailed information on the specific location choices, was made by Council Member Márquez. The motion was seconded by Council Member Zermeño and approved unanimously.

5. Update on the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan

Cheryl Munoz, Water Resources Manager, presented an update on the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan with a particular focus on projected water supply availability.

Council Member Zermeño suggested ensuring residents were aware of the need to conserve water through an educational flyer.

Mayor Halliday asked that staff provide a report in the future about the alternative plan that is being put forward by the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA).

6. Draft Countywide Model Ordinance to Comply with Senate Bill 1383

Jeff Krump presented a report on the draft countywide model ordinance titled the Organics Reduction and Recycling Ordinance (ORRO) that is intended to supersede the existing Mandatory Recycling Ordinance (MRO) to comply with Senate Bill 1383.

Edward Bogue, a member of the public, provided a public comment expressing his concern regarding garbage can enforcements. He stated that his trash is contaminated by additional passerby items added after the containers have been placed on the street which could affect compliance. Rachel Balsley, StopWaste Senior Program Manager, replied that there is flexibility on how route reviews for contamination will occur and that different sources of contamination, like the ones Mr. Bogue mentioned, will be taken into consideration.

Council Member Márquez thanked staff for the report and encouraged staff to ensure getting 100% compliance for organic bin service.

Mayor Halliday commented that it would be a good idea to work on getting food to those who needed them instead of disposing edible food items as waste from restaurants and businesses.

7. Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty & Cities Race to Zero

Taylor Richard, Climate Corp Fellow, presented on two proposed resolutions. The first resolution was to commit to policies opposing fossil fuel expansion, accelerating the clean energy transition, and endorsing the call for a global fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty. The second resolution was to join the Cities Race to Zero, a global coalition of cities committed to setting science-based targets and implementing inclusive and resilient climate action.

Council Member Zermeño thanked staff for the presentation and expressed his full support for both resolutions.

Mayor Halliday clarified that the resolution would not prohibit the City from enforcing current policies or considering future developments. Mr. Pearson confirmed that the resolution only expressed an intention to limit fossil fuel infrastructure.

A motion to move the recommendation was made by Council Member Zermeño. The motion was seconded by Council Member Márquez and approved unanimously.

8. Proposed 2021 Agenda Planning Calendar: Review and Comment

Director Ameri stated that in the next meeting in July, staff would be presenting an annual report on the implementation of the Reach Code. Additionally, there could be an update on the Recycled Water annual report as well as on the WMAC Franchise Agreement.

Council Member Márquez asked staff to reach out to EBCE for an update on their adoption of the Zero Emission Vehicles by 2030 and, if possible, for staff to bring the item to Council prior to July.

Mayor Halliday asked if it was possible to combine the future items on reusable dishware and single-use food ware. Mr. Pearson confirmed that the two items will be combined in the future.

COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REFERRALS:

There were no Committee Member or Staff announcements and referrals.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:39 p.m.

Attendance	MEETINGS			
	Present 05/10/21 Meeting	Present to Date This Fiscal Year	Excused to Date This Fiscal Year	Absent to Date This Fiscal Year
Elisa Márquez	✓	7	0	0
Barbara Halliday	✓	3	0	0
Francisco Zermeño	✓	7	0	0