

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda

October 13, 2020

10:30 AM

Virtual Teleconference Meeting

Zero Waste Subcommittee

Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (Chair)
Commissioner Reina Saco (Vice-Chair)
Commissioner Harvey Ward (Member)
Commissioner David Arreola (Member)

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CALL TO ORDER**ROLL CALL****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES**[200328.](#)**Approval of Minutes from the September 9, 2020 Zero Waste Subcommittee Meeting (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

The Zero Waste Subcommittee approve the September 9, 2020 minutes.

[200328_Minutes-Sep-2020-09_20201013.pdf](#)

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS[200413.](#)**Solid Waste Franchise Contract (B)****Exclusive Solid Waste Collection Agreement presentation**

Explanation: The City's current system of solid waste collection entails the City contracting with a vendor to collect residential curbside material. Commercial and Multi Family facilities contract with four private companies for garbage service. Alachua County and the City have previously worked together to contract for these services.

It is staff's opinion that an exclusive agreement would assist the City meet various environmental and Zero Waste goals.

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal note associated with this item.

RECOMMENDATION

The Zero Waste Subcommittee: 1) hear staff presentation; and 2) provide direction as appropriate.

[200413A_Exclusive Franchise_20201013](#)

[200413B_Increasing Multi-Family Recycling_20201013.pdf](#)

[200413C_Increasing Single Family Residential Recycling_20201013.pdf](#)

[200381.](#)**Discussion of Organic Waste in Gainesville (B)**

This item is to provide the Zero Waste Subcommittee of an overview of infrastructure that is available in Alachua County as it relates to

developing a possible food waste ordinance. The presentation will also review typical items that are addressed in such ordinances and an update on City efforts to date.

Staff will present a summary on the details related to an USDA grant received by the City for curbside residential food waste collection.

Subcommittee members will discuss the elements of a food waste ordinance.

Explanation: Food Waste makes up a significant portion of the waste stream. When landfilled, as it is now, food waste creates methane which is a significant contributor climate change. Food Waste diversion can assist in feeding those in need. Composting food waste creates a product with value and replaces less environmentally friendly products. Addressing food waste is a key component of a Zero Waste program.

As the City moves towards Zero Waste which will include composting, the City applied for a grant from the USDA to collect residential food waste at the curb employing a community composter. A main goal of the program is to determine if community composters can provide curbside residents with competitively priced service if there is sufficient density and quantity.

Based on the presentation and concepts that are common to food waste ordinances, staff seeks guidance on what elements to include in a food waste ordinance.

Fiscal Note: The amount of the grant project is expected to cost \$68,000. The Grantor will reimburse up to 75% of the expended amount (up to \$51,000.) Matching funds are identified in the Solid Waste Undesignated Fund Balance.

RECOMMENDATION

The Zero Waste Subcommittee to hear and accept the staff presentation and provide direction to staff.

[200381A Sub Committee Food Waste 20201013.pdf](#)

[200381B NYC Organic Waste Ordinance 20201013.pdf](#)

[200381C Alachua Cty Draft Landscape Reqmts Soil Amend 20201013.pdf](#)

[200381D Sub Committee Food Waste Beaten Path 20201013.pdf](#)

[200381E Commercial Composting Program 20201013.pdf](#)

[200381F Residential Composting Research Report 20201013.pdf](#)

[200381G Residential Curbside Composting 20201013.pdf](#)

[200412.](#)

Discussion Topics for Future Meetings (NB)

Staff and Committee members will discuss future topics for the Zero Waste Subcommittee.

Explanation: As the Zero Waste Subcommittee meets more often, there is a need to identify topics in advance so that staff can prepare adequately.

Staff is currently recommending that Construction and Demolition Debris be the next topic. Other future topics may include: Commercial Recycling, Multifamily Recycling, Curbside Recycling, Bulk Waste Processing, Student Move In and Move Out, Event Recycling, Alternative Fuel Options.

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal note associated with this item.

RECOMMENDATION

The Zero Waste Subcommittee: 1) discuss future topics; and 2) a schedule for future meetings.

NEXT MEETING DATE - October 27 at 2:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT