

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda - Final

November 24, 2020

2:00 PM

City Hall Auditorium

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**[200504.](#)**Approval of Minutes from the October 27, 2020 Zero Waste Subcommittee Meeting (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

The Zero Waste Subcommittee approve the October 27, 2020 minutes.

[200504_Minutes_102720_Zero_Waste_20201124.pdf](#)

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS[200381.](#)**Discussion of Food Waste and Organics Diversion (B)**

Explanation: This item originally came before the subcommittee on 10/13/2020 to give an overview of the county infrastructure as it relates to developing a possible food waste ordinance.

After a presentation and discussion staff was directed to bring back in a month options and programs for a comprehensive food waste/ordinance .

At the 11/24/2020 meeting, staff will provide recommendations for ordinances and polices relating to the diversion of food waste and organics. Staff will also discuss future actions related to deconstruction and moving buildings.

The City of Gainesville received a grant from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for a pilot curbside food waste collection program using a community composter to see if density and volume can reduce the cost of service to similarly sized communities.

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 an end product with value and replaces less environmentally friendly products. Staff will provide recommendations on actions to take to assist in meeting Zero Waste goals. Commercial diversion should be the priority since it has the most immediate impact while staff will continue on developing contracts and policies to address other parts of the waste stream.

Fiscal Note: Funding for the pilot project is available for a combined total of \$67,890. The USDA Grant will provide \$50,895 and \$16,995 has been identified using the Solid Waste Fund.

The amount of the grant project discussed on 10/13/20 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 the presentation and take any action deemed appropriate.*

[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](#)

[200381I_CA Organic Waste Legislation 20201124](#)

200475.

Discussion of Commercial and Multifamily Recycling in Gainesville (B)

Explanation: This item is a request to provide the Zero Waste Subcommittee an overview of the infrastructure and status of Commercial and Multifamily recycling in Gainesville, issues to improvement and possible solutions for improvement.

Commercial and Multifamily recycling have been present in our community for years. However, percentages of materials recycled need to be better to move towards a Zero Waste Goal. Multifamily recycling is not consistent which affects participation and success. The Commercial Recycling Ordinance may need changes to facilitate improvements.

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

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

[200475A CommercialWaste Presentation_ZW Sub Com 20201110](#)

[200475B_Hennepin County-Minnesota_Multifamily-waste-study-2017 2020111](#)

[200475C Oregon Metro Area Report Multifamily Recycling 2017 20201110](#)

[200475D Tacoma-WA_Waste_Comp_Report_FINAL 20201110](#)

MEMBER COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

December 8, 2020 - 1:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT