



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Zero Waste Division

MINUTES
ZERO WASTE COMMISSION
Monday, January 26, 2015
City of Berkeley Corporation Yard - 1326 Allston Way
Ratcliff Building, Willow Room

Chair Halperin called the meeting to order with a quorum at 7:01 PM

1. Roll Call:

Commissioners present: Halperin, Twu, Cowles, Sherman, Watson, Wenning, Schultze-Allen (7:10)

Commissioners absent: Frink (excused)

Staff: Andrew Clough - Public Works Director, Andy Schneider – Recycling Program Manager, Manuel Hector – Senior Management Analyst, Brian Quevedo – Public Works Fiscal Manager

Presenters: Rob Hilton & Lauren Barbieri from HF &H Consultants

Members of the Public: Martin Bourque & Daniel Maher of Ecology Center; Sara MacKusick & Jeff Belchamber of CCC; Dan Knapp & Mary Lou Van Deventer from Urban Ore; Carolyn Dean, Zero Waste Division Staff: Joseph Ayankoya, Earl Pryor, Miguel Martinez, Tay Woods, Nafez Sari

2. Approve Agenda: M/S/C Watson/Wenning to approve agenda 6/0/0

3. Comments from the Public: Sara MacKusick questioned why there was no report to back-up the options in the Commercial Franchise Study. Staff explained that the PowerPoint presentation was all that was able to be shared at this point, but that the full appendices would be made available.

4. Announcements and Commissioner Comments: Twu reported that former Commissioner Shannon Davis reported that the Country of Denmark offers apartment lobby collection for what we call Universal and Hazardous Wastes. Watson stated that she got a call from the CEAC Chair who is interested in partnering with the ZWC on specialized waste streams like battery collection. She also stated that the Strategic Plan Subcommittee is planning to meet in Feb with the Public Works Director to discuss the Strategic Plan process. Halperin reported that he went to the Consumer Electronics Show where he saw a device which would sort and compact your waste into three streams.

5. Approve Meeting Minutes of November 24, 2014: Cowles, requested, and Sherman elaborated, that “The Commission, and the Strategic Plan Subcommittee, stated that they are very interested in the scope of the plan; clarifying their role in the strategic planning process; and including public input.” Be added to #6. **M/S/C to approve the Nov. 24, 2014 minutes as amended Watson/Cowles 7/0/0**

6. Approval of the 2015 ZWC meeting schedule: The regular 4th Monday meeting schedule had to be adjusted to allow for legal holidays in May and November. It was agreed the May meeting would be held on Monday June 1, 2015, and the November meeting would be moved to Nov. 30, 2015. **M/S/C to approve the 2015 meeting schedule Schultze-Allen/Sherman 7/0/0**

7. Discussion of the Commercial Franchise Study findings and options and possible Action on a recommendation to City Council: Staff gave an overview of the Commercial Franchise Study process and timeline, which included discussions with SEIU 1021 on December 1, 2014 and January 12, 2015. A presentation of the Commercial Franchise options by the consultants to City Council will occur at a Worksession scheduled for February 10th with an expected decision from Council in May of

2015. The Commission discussed meeting dates for the best opportunity to make a Commission recommendation to City Council and decided they would get more information before making a recommendation. The Chair asked SEIU members if they could share their position on the options. Miguel Martinez stated that while SEIU believes that option 1 would be best, that they are willing to work with option 1a – The City providing all commercial collection with the exception of roll-off service. The Commission had numerous questions for the consultants regarding control of materials and data, as well as analysis of revenue streams, and after discussion, they formed the following resolution:

At their meeting of January 26, 2015, the Zero Waste Commission approved the following resolution in regard to the Commercial Franchise Study:

Regardless of which commercial collection option is selected, the Zero Waste Commission recommends:

- Maintaining dual-stream recycling collection, in accordance with the City’s highest and best use principle and our desire for local, centralized material processing.
- If the City’s MRF or Transfer Station does not currently have capacity for increased commercial materials - and a transitional plan is put into place - that this transitional period be for a limited time, with the goal of returning all material handling to our local MRF and Transfer Station as soon as feasible.
- Improving control of collected materials for compliance, reporting, and proper measurement, as these are essential to meeting our zero waste goals.
- Quantifying each option’s impact on the Zero Waste fund and on our ability to reach our zero waste goal.

M/S/C Sherman/Cowles to approve Commercial Franchise Resolution 7/0/0

Motion to extend the meeting 15 minutes: M/S/C Schultze-Allen/Twu 7/0/0

It was agreed that Vice Chair Schultze-Allen will represent the Commission at the Feb 10th Worksession.

8. Discussion on Revisions to the State Health Code for Event Warewashing and possible Action on a recommendation to City Council: Schultze-Allen presented a resolution to recommend changing the State Health code to allow ware washing at temporary events. Staff advised that we can request that City Council send a letter of support of the Commission resolution, to a specific state agency or legislator and not necessarily ask Council to adopt a City resolution. Schultze-Allen to identify who will receive the letter. **M/S/C Watson/Sherman to approve asking City Council to send a letter recommending revision to the State Code 7/0/0**

9. Future Agenda Items: Officer Elections, Strategic Plan Subcommittee Update and the Commission’s role in strategic planning process, Franchise Study recommendations, Manager Hiring Update.

10. Adjourn: M/S/C Schultze-Allen/Wenning to adjourn at 9:20 7/0/0