

MINUTES

The meeting was convened at 7:07 p.m. with Alfred Twu, Chairperson, presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Alfred Twu, Janice Wenning, John Hitchen, Elisabeth Watson, Brazile Clark, Allegra Saggese (7:23 p.m. arrival)

Absent: None

LOA: Alexander Salah

ACTIONS TAKEN

1. **M/S/C (Watson/Hitchen) to approve the agenda for the January 23, 2017 regular meeting.**

Ayes: Unanimous; Absent: Salah, Saggese

2. **M/S/C (Watson/Hitchen) to approve the minutes from the November 28, 2016 regular meeting.**

Ayes: Unanimous; Absent: Salah, Saggese; Abstain: Clark

- Brazile Clark abstained because she was not present at the November meeting; Clark was appointed to the commission on January 9, 2017.

3. **M/S/C (Watson/Clark) to approve the submittal of a recommendation to the City Council to adopt an updated resolution on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and Packaging.**

Ayes: Unanimous; Absent: Salah

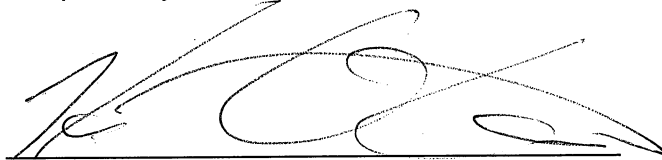
- The recommended resolution directs the City Manager to write to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to urge that expansion of EPR be limited to materials that existing recycling infrastructure is unable to process.

- The resolution also directs the City Manager to write to the California legislative representatives for Berkeley urging them to support EPR only on products that are currently being landfilled, while opposing EPR on paper, plastic, metal, and glass packaging that is already being recycled, and to also support the existing deposit/redemption system for packaging.
- The Commission's reason for updating the resolution is to reaffirm Berkeley's commitment to EPR, but also address the concern that a statewide EPR program for packaging would take oversight and control of recycling from the City's Zero Waste Division and from Berkeley-based recycling businesses, and place it in the hands of organizations controlled by the packaging industry.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

The next meeting of the Zero Waste Commission will be held on February 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Heidi Obermeit', written over a horizontal line.

Heidi Obermeit, Secretary