

NOTICE OF MEETING
RECYCLING AD HOC COMMITTEE
TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 - 1:00 P.M.
ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING
CALL-IN NUMBER: 346-248-7799
MEETING ID: 898 3188 4872 PASSCODE: 985838

AGENDA

1. Declaration Of A Quorum And Call Meeting To Order
2. Roll Call
3. Consider For Approval Minutes Of The August 11, 2020 Meeting.

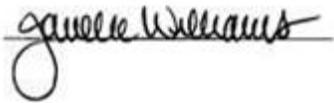
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4. Public Comments (Limited To Three Minutes Each)
5. Brief Introduction Of Each Committee Member, Background And Why You Wanted To Serve
6. A Clear Statement Of What The City Would Like From Our Committee In Writing
7. Re-Examine Customer Education Efforts. Determine More Effective Ways To Communicate Changes To The Recycling Program
8. Review The Goals And Expectations Of The Citizens Of Galveston That Were Associated With The Approval Of Fees For Recycling
 - Evaluate how the goals of recycling were defined and how they are stewarded
 - Assess if the expectations and goals that underpinned funding are being met
 - Develop a plan to educate city residents about the costs of the program and what we believe it does for our city, and to think through possible ways to help recycling improve worst environmental problems in Galveston such as plastics getting into the gulf
9. If The Mission And Expectations For Recycling Today Should Be Different Than In The Past; Define That Mission
10. Define Success For Recycling. How Should Success Be Defined And The Metrics That Can Be Measured And Stewarded
11. Evaluate If The Value (Not Just Dollars) Of Recycling Is Reasonably Balanced With Cost
12. Review The Stewardship Process (Should A Board Be Formed?) (Additional Clarification From Paul)
13. Understand And Communicate Safety Issues; Especially Those Associated With Hazardous Materials Handling
14. Define Possible Opportunities For Enhancement And/Or Cost Reduction; Work Through Each Material Class, Including Those Not Currently Accepted At The Recycling Center

15. Identify Trends In Recycling And Possible Responses To Those Trends. This Includes An Explanation Of A General Decrease In Tonnage Year To Year.
16. Develop An Integrated Set Of Recommendations In A Report To The City Council
17. Work Toward Galveston Becoming A Zero Waste Community
18. Questions For Staff
 1. How much garbage is collected from the beaches? Does it all go to the landfill? the city pays? Improve the recycling bins on the beaches? Perhaps, if we could redirect those cans and bottles, we might save more on landfill costs.
 2. What is the city's vision on recycling, the city's sense of potential?
 3. City is understandable focused on process and finances, but why is it important to provide this service to Galvestonians?
 4. Communicate and discuss the impact of constraints; such as limitations on using contractors, and if beneficial, how to remove those constraints.
 5. Have more detailed discussion regarding the recycling process, including the role and issues with a transfer station and vendor capabilities.
19. Request Agenda Items For Future Meetings
20. Schedule Future Meetings
21. Adjournment

I certify that the above Notice of Meeting was posted in a place convenient to the public in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code on September 17, 2020 at 3:00 P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geneva Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons in need of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within three (3) days prior to any proceeding, contact the City Secretary's Office, Suite 201, 823 Rosenberg, Galveston, Texas 77550, (409-797-3510).

Members of the City Council may be attending and participating in this meeting

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RECYCLING AD HOC COMMITTEE
AUGUST 11, 2020

8/11/2020 - Minutes

1. Declaration Of A Quorum And Call Meeting To Order
City Secretary Janelle Williams declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call
Present (via videoconference): Board Members Joanie Steinhaus, Cody Wright, Matt Havard, Stephanie Vasut, Susan Syler, Dorothy Trevino, and Paul Sivon; Ex Officio Dr. Jackie Cole; Brandon Cook, Assistant City Manager; Cindy DeWitt, Director of Administration and Sanitation; and Janelle Williams, City Secretary.

3. Consider For Action Appointing A Chair And Vice Chair Of The Committee.

Board Member Matt Havard made a motion to appoint Joanie Steinhaus as Chair, with Board Member Susan Syler seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

Board Member Susan Syler made a motion to appoint Stephanie Vasut as Vice Chair, with Board Member Cody Wright seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

4. Overview And Discussion On The Vision, Goals And Timeline Of The Committee. (CM Cole)
Assistant City Manager Brandon Cook discussed with the board the vision and goals of the committee. He advised that Dr. Cole wanted to form this committee because the nature of recycling has changed and the committee could be a key player in helping reshape the City's business operations, identify opportunities for recycling, identify products that are no longer accepted at the recycling center, and getting the word out to the community.

5. Overview And History Of The Recycling Commodities Market, The City Eco-Center And A Discussion Of Current Issues Facing The Center(Cindy Dewitt).

Director of Administration and Sanitation Cindy DeWitt discussed with the board an overview of the City's Recycling Operations, including: (1) current commodities including glass, plastic, paper, cardboard, metals (aluminum, tin, scrap, iron), cooking oils, tires, and e-waste; (2) changes to commodity acceptance - 2015-2016 acceptance of brush stopped, 2018-2019 acceptance of oil stopped, 2019-2020 acceptance of styrofoam stopped; commodity projections for FY2019-2020 compared with actuals for 2018-2019; (3) Commodity vendors - Glass-Strategic Glass, Metals-CMC Metals, P/P/C-Republic Services, and Tires-Liberty Tire; (4) areas of concern - zero revenue stream for paper and plastic, e-waste issues, the necessary expense to dispose of tires, costs and labor associated with styrofoam; and (5) items to consider include alternative commodity collection/disposal and public education.

Questions from the board included: (1) What are we paying for landfill costs and what is recycling saving us? Annual costs are \$500,000 less diversion costs of \$49, 898; (2) What is the net benefit from recycling? (3) If there was no recycling how much money would the City pay? (4) Are audits done to ensure the vendors are ? (5) What are the goals from City Council? Is there a complimentary program to create less trash? No; (6) Has our City looked at curbside recycling and why don't we do that? City Staff brought to Council a proposal for curbside outsourcing recycling services for a mandatory program with a cost of \$10/month but Council was not in favor of that. The City by Charter has its own trash collection program which limits the City on contracting for these services. The City does not have recycling trucks to administer its own program; (7) Is the senior citizen curbside pickup a significant cost to the City? No.

Dr. Cole wants the board to learn about the current situation of recycling and advise the city the best way to move forward to maximize the recycling program.

Board Member Matt Havard left the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

6. Discuss And Consider For Action The Duration And Frequency Of Committee Meetings.
The board will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
7. Agenda Items For The Next Meeting And Information Needed For Decision Making.

Future agenda items and information needed by the board for decision making: (1) copies of the transfer station contract with BFI; (2) different contracts with commodity collectors; (3) list of current rates and tonnage information; (4) detailed budget for recycling center; (5) information from City Auditor on process flow diagrams or descriptions of an overall flow of how the recycling center works, any reporting from the Auditor, information on audits done to ensure the materials are actually being recycled, or certificates of final disposition from the vendors; (6) information on any significant hazards to employees by working around materials; and (7) a brief summary of Cindy's presentation from today's meeting.

Board Member Stephanie Vasut left the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

8. Adjournment.
The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.