

The meeting of the Environment and Climate Committee (ECC) was called to order at 11:11 a.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2022, in the City Council Chambers, 710 NW Wall Street, and online.

1. **Roll Call:** Bill Welch, Kavi Chokshi, Kellie Jensen, Kersey Goodwin, Mark Buckley, Neil Baunsgard, Peter Grube, Rory Isbell, Serena Dietrich, Anne Birky (ex officio), Sasha Sulia (ex officio)

Absent: Kersey Goodwin (excused), Anne Birky (ex officio, excused), Sasha Sulia (ex officio, excused)

2. Approval of Minutes from 10/13/2022 ECC Meeting

Member Dietrich moved to approve the October 13, 2022 meeting minutes. Member Jensen seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0) with member Chokshi abstaining.

3. Staff Updates

Cassie Lacy, Senior Management Analyst, provided the following update:

- New support person for ECC meetings: Melissa Mitsch, Senior Administrative Support Specialist, replacing Kayla Duddy.
- Lacy, Chair Baunsgard, and Member Grube met with three other Council advisory committees to discuss the Home Energy Score (HES). Meetings went well and Lacy thanked Chair Baunsgard and Member Grube for their work on that effort. Chair Baunsgard explained they were able to answer questions for those committees, but none of the groups deliberated or established an official position at those meetings.
- The first reading of the HES has been moved to the December 7, 2022 Council meeting, with the second reading at the December 21, 2022 Council meeting.
- Recruitment for new ECC members is underway. There were 13 applicants; Chair Baunsgard reviewed the applications, and Lacy will provide recommendations to Mayor Goodman-Campbell.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment submitted.

5. Regional Resource Recovery Alternatives Analysis

Lacy provided background on the biodigester strategy for the water reclamation facility in the Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP). A consultant team from Leeway Engineering Solutions and West Yost presented an overview of the findings of the

alternative analysis for the resource recovery project. The presentation included the following slides:

- Regional Resource Recovery Alternatives Analysis Summary
- Regional Solutions and Stakeholders
- Hauled Waste Management
- Feedstock Availability
- Benefits of Resource Recovery
- The Process of Resource Recovery
- The Seven Alternatives
- Triple Bottom Line
- TBL Results
- Alternative Analysis Findings
- Waste to Resource Recovery Roadmap
- Recommended Next Steps
- Questions?

Lacy clarified this agenda item was mainly informational for the ECC, but as the City moves forward with the CCAP, the committee may play a role in advocating for further investigation of the project.

The consultants, Lacy, and Mike Buettner, Utility Department Director, answered committee members' questions and provided additional information around greenhouse gas reduction associated with the seven identified resource recovery alternatives, hurdles and risks, costs, clarification of the methodology of the analysis, possible ECC representation in the stakeholder group, the collection system master plan, a feasibility study, heating demands at the water reclamation facility, other waste streams, and waste transport.

Matt Ziebol, Project Manager, offered to be an intermediary between the ECC and the consultants for any additional questions that come up.

6. Council Goal Input Prep Discussion

Lacy provided a brief history of ECC's participation in Council goal-setting and an overview of the Council goal-setting and resource allocation process. Lacy also provided guidance for providing input to Council, including examples of directions the ECC could take with their recommendations.

Following discussion, the committee determined that given the tight timeline before the Council goal-setting session in January and staffing constraints, it would be prudent to form a subgroup to take the input from this meeting, look at the work that has been done to date on the CCAP and what hasn't, draft recommendations for Council, and bring it back to the full committee for discussion at the December meeting. From there, the full committee will fine-tune and vote on recommendations at the January meeting.

Members Choksi, Jensen, and Isbell volunteered for the subgroup. Chair Baunsgard or Vice-Chair Dietrich will also join the workgroup, based on meeting availability.

7. Updates

a. Waste & Materials Subgroup

Members Chokshi, Jensen, and Dietrich met with different subgroups, the Environmental Center, and county representatives to discuss regional waste haulers and the current state of things.

8. Agenda Review

Lacy updated the committee on the following upcoming agenda items:

- December 2022
 - Council Goal Input
 - Chair/Vice-Chair Election Prep

9. Adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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