



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: November 3, 2015

Item Number: D-7

To: Honorable Mayor & City Council

From: Trish Rhay, Assistant Director of Public Works Services,
Infrastructure & Field Operations
James Burnley, Solid Waste Manager
Caitlin Sims, Senior Management Analyst

Subject: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY
HILLS SUPPORTING ZERO WASTE PRINCIPLES AND THE
CREATION OF A ZERO WASTE PLAN

Attachments: 1. Resolution

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Council adopt the RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS SUPPORTING ZERO WASTE PRINCIPLES AND THE CREATION OF A ZERO WASTE PLAN.

INTRODUCTION

Zero waste is a design principle that focuses on reducing waste, reusing products, and recycling and composting them at the end of their life cycle. Developing a Zero Waste Plan will help guide the City to reduce waste, reduce reliance on landfills, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with waste creation and disposal. It will also help the City identify and evaluate solid waste programs that could be included in the City's competitive Request for Proposal ("RFP") for solid waste collection services and processes that will be released in mid-2016.

At its June 8, 2015, meeting, the City Council approved an agreement with HF&H Consultants, LLC, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$95,000 to complete a zero waste evaluation and plan development services. HF&H is working with the Public Works Commission and staff to identify City programs and policies already in place, to assess and establish baselines which the City can reach, and to help define the programs/policies that could be included as a part of the Zero Waste Plan.

DISCUSSION

The City Council identified completing a feasibility study for a zero-waste program as a “B” priority item during the FY 2015-16 City Council priority setting exercise. Staff is working with HF&H to evaluate and establish zero waste guiding principles and goals, develop a zero waste resolution, establish a baseline of current policies, programs and facilities, and develop a zero waste plan that encourages stakeholder participation in its development.

Many cities, including Pasadena, Glendale, Los Angeles, and Santa Monica, have adopted Zero Waste Plans. Adopting a Zero Waste Plan will help keep pace with the regional focus on higher diversion and help the City stay ahead of State laws and regulations. The City is mandated to divert at least fifty percent of its solid waste from disposal; however, the State has an overall goal to divert seventy-five percent of its solid waste from disposal by 2020.

In addition, the City currently has a Franchise Agreement for Commercial Solid Waste Collection Services and Residential Solid Waste Processing (“Franchising Agreement”) with Recology Los Angeles (“RLA”) that is set to expire on March 31, 2018. In January 2015, the City Council directed staff to begin work on a competitive Request for Proposal (“RFP”) process in anticipation of the expiration of the initial franchise term. A comprehensive RFP process can take eighteen to twenty-four months from inception to start of service under a new contract, allowing sufficient time of approximately one-year for a well-planned service provider transition. Based on the contract end date of March 31, 2018, below is the anticipated schedule for the development of the solid waste RFP:

Task	Target Date
1. Release Request for Proposals	June 2016
2. Proposals Due	September 2016
3. Proposal Evaluation	October – December 2016
4. Contractor Selection	January 2017
5. Negotiation	February – March 2017
6. Award of Contract	April 2017
7. Start of Service	April 1, 2018

The development of a Zero Waste Plan will assist the City in developing its RFP for solid waste collection services because it will identify and evaluate cost-effective solid waste programs that will help the City comply with its diversion requirements and to reduce waste, reduce reliance of landfills, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with waste creation and disposal. Programs identified in the Zero Waste Plan will be included in the City’s RFP.

Staff provided an overview of the concept of zero waste and the City’s anticipated process for developing a Zero Waste Plan at the November 3, 2015, Study Session. At its October 8, 2015, meeting, the Public Works Commission recommended that the City Council to adopt a Resolution of support for the development of a Beverly Hills Zero Waste Plan. Staff will work with the Public Works Commission during the development of the Zero Waste Plan and will return to the City Council with a recommendation for consideration at a future date.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The Capital Improvement Program budget for FY 2015-16 includes \$100,000 for the development of a Zero Waste Plan, project #0240.


George Chavez
Approved By

Attachment 1

RESOLUTION NO. 15-R-_____

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF BEVERLY HILLS SUPPORTING ZERO
WASTE PRINCIPLES AND THE CREATION OF
A ZERO WASTE PLAN

WHEREAS, in 2009 the City Council of Beverly Hills adopted a Sustainable City Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beverly Hills has exceeded the 50% diversion of solid waste requirement mandated by Assembly Bill 939 by achieving a 71% diversion rate for 2013; and

WHEREAS, the placement of materials in waste disposal facilities such as landfills wastes natural resources, transfers liabilities to future generations, and has the potential to damage the environment and human health; and

WHEREAS, avoiding the creation of waste is an efficient way to reduce discards and conserve environmental resources; and

WHEREAS, waste reduction, reuse and recycling conserves natural resources and reduces pollution; and

WHEREAS, governments set zero waste goals in order to conserve valuable material, natural resources and land, reduce pollution, improve community health and create opportunities for new businesses and jobs; and

WHEREAS, a zero waste plan can act as a guiding principle to promote the highest and best use of materials and to reduce waste and pollution through reuse and recycling, thereby creating a sustainable system of production and consumption where materials are recycled back into the marketplace or nature.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Beverly Hills does resolve

as follows:

Section 1. The City of Beverly Hills supports the creation of a Zero Waste Plan in order to reduce waste and pollution in the manufacture, use, storage, and recycling of materials that benefit the environment at a reasonable cost.

Adopted:

JULIAN A. GOLD, M.D.
Mayor of the City of Beverly Hills,
California

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