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SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order 4:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call – Members David Mourra and Sukhdeep Kaur present, along with staff members Nancy Humphrey and Matt Anderson.
3. Public Comment – none
4. Approval of January 9, 2023 Regular Meeting Action Minutes - approved
5. Action Items
 - 5.1 Approving Green Cities California’s Letter Calling for Zero-Emission New Construction Building Standards Statewide
6. Information Items
 - 6.1 Foodware Regulations/StopWaste Model Ordinance – staff proposed Emeryville actions in response to StopWaste’s Model Ordinance. Members made recommendations as noted, and requested more discussion on topics selected for further research followed by an item for Council consideration.

Consider:

- Mandating acceptance of customer-provided reusables
- Requiring accessories and/or condiments given only on request
- No City funds to purchase bottled water

Research:

- Prohibiting disposable cup purchases for internal use by City – amended from “on City property”
- Options for use of disposable cups at City and rental events – amended from “prohibition,” including working with Community Services on best practices
- Disposable foodware charges
- Requiring bulk condiment dispensers – moved from “regional approach”
- Define compliant disposable foodware – moved from “regional approach”
- Unwrapped, unbundled accessories – moved from “regional approach”

Work on Regional Approach:

- Reusables only for dine-in
- Returnable reusable cups at events with prepared food
- Prohibit sale of non-compliant foodware
- Expand polystyrene ban to more materials

6.2 Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers in City Operations – members requested that staff continue conversations with the City’s landscape contractor on this issue.

6.3 Current Programs Update – staff reported on the progress in installing EV chargers at City Hall and at the Police Station, and noted that some Police admin EVs have arrived and are being outfitted for use.

7. Future Agenda Items –

- Banning Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers
- Groundwater Mapping/Sea Level Rise
- Tree Program Implementation
- Foodware Regulations Discussion
- Plastic/Bioplastic Bags in Compost

8. Announcements / Member Comments – None.

9. Adjournment 5:28 pm