


Agenda Report Reviewed by:
City Manager: 

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM

Meeting Date: November 2, 2021
To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
From: Larry McLaughlin, City Manager
Toni Bertolero, Engineering Consultant
Zero Waste Committee Chair, Sunny Galbraith
Subject: Zero Waste Subcommittee Informational Presentation
Recommendation : Receive report, provide feedback
Funding: Currently Budgeted: _____ Yes _____ No N/A
Net General Fund Cost: N/A
Amount: \$0

Account Code/Costs authorized in City Approved Budget (if applicable) AK (N/A) (verified by Administrative Services Department)

INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE:

The item before the City Council tonight is an informational item from the Zero Waste Subcommittee regarding recommendations for future updates to Sebastopol’s ordinance on polystyrene foam ban and disposable food service ware. It is requested the Council receive the report. The presentation will be conducted by Zero Waste Chair Sunny Galbraith and her high school students.

BACKGROUND:

The City Council approved and adopted by resolution 6214 a goal to achieve Zero Waste by 2030. The City encourages the pursuit of Zero Waste as a long-term goal in order to eliminate waste and pollution in the manufacture, use, storage, and recycling of materials.

On December 4, 2018, the City Council approved the creation of the Zero Waste Subcommittee and discussed a comprehensive Zero Waste Program that includes many levels of engagement, ranging from policies setting overarching priorities and goals, to front-end manufacturing waste reduction strategies, to multi-faceted outreach and education activities, or including ground-level participation by City residents and commercial ventures.

On May 21, 2019, Council adopted *Ordinance no. 1125 to Prohibit Use and Sale of Disposable Food Service Ware and Other Products Containing Polystyrene Foam.*

DISCUSSION:

The Sub-Committee meets regularly and has been working with high school students on presenting recommendations to update the City’s Ordinance no. 1125. The Zero Waste subcommittee has requested that this presentation be made to Council to provide information regarding the recommended ordinance changes.

GOALS:

5.1.4 Enhance the use of the City of Sebastopol Committees, Commission and Board.

5.3.3 Encourage and increase public awareness of City Policies, decisions, programs and all public processes and meetings, by investigating effective methods of communication and obtaining feedback from the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

As of the writing of this staff report, the City has not received any public comment. However, staff anticipates receiving public comment from interested parties following the publication and distribution of this staff report. Such comments will be provided to the City Council as supplemental materials before or at the meeting. In addition, public comments may be offered during the public comment portion of the agenda item.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

This item was noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and was available for public viewing and review at least 72 hours prior to scheduled meeting date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This item is informational only and therefore has no direct fiscal impact associated with the recommended action tonight.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the presentation and provide feedback.

Attachment:

None