



MINUTES

CITY OF SEASIDE
REGULAR MEETING
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 8, 2019
5:30PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

2. **ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

PRESENT: Raak, Revelas, Murphy, Coble

ABSENT: Abraham-Panni, Molle

3. **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

No information was reported.

4. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

No information reported.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. **APPROVE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

On motion by Committee Member Revelas, second by Committee Member Murphy and passed by a unanimous vote, the minutes for the December 11, 2018 meeting were approved.

7. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. **UPDATE AND DRAFT MEMORANDUM FROM THE PLASTICS ORDINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE**

Committee member Murphy talked about how the working group formed and why: to draft new plastics ordinance for the municipal code. The working group met and decided to focus on food service establishments, using work done by municipalities in the region regarding plastics bans. The working group drafted a memo with their intent to come forward with a proposed amendment, which will be provided to City Council for transparency on what can be expected. Memo to council indicated having ordinance ready by March.

Raak asked clarifying questions of Murphy regarding timing and implementation. Staff Liaison Rocha clarified City Council approval process: two readings and if approved, 30 days before the ordinance becomes effective. Coble voiced his support and asked clarifying questions. Murphy clarified goods intended to be prohibited in the proposed code.

Abraham-Panni arrived 5:40pm.

Abraham-Panni clarified plastic straws for those with a self-identified need. Suggested striking consulting the Monterey Bay Aquarium Policy Team from the memo.

Raak suggested clarifying what “implementation” means as specified in the memo. Staff Liaison Rocha suggested language to address the requested revisions suggested by Abraham-Panni and Raak.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Catherine Crockett, citizen.

She communicated that Sustainable Seaside would be supportive of whatever was needed for implementation of the plastic ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Closed

Coble motioned that the committee approve the memo with suggested staff liaison revisions, as prompted by committee discussion.

Abraham-Panni second. Unanimous approval.

B. UPDATE AND DRAFT MEMORANDUM FROM THE HR 7173 SUBCOMMITTEE

Murphy provided an overview of the memo, as prompted by a presentation by Citizens’ Climate Lobby regarding the Energy Innovation and Carbon Fee Dividend Act. Recommendation: vote to provide the memo to City Council. Staff Liaison Rocha communicated when CCL would place their Resolution on the CFD to the Council: late February or early March. Rocha reminded the committee of other supporting jurisdictions. Raak noticed memo had committee votes recorded on it, but Murphy clarified that the template was copied over from the vote to form the working group and that the votes would be updated to tonight’s results.

Motion by Abraham Panni approve the memo expressing support for the Energy Innovation and Carbon Fee Dividend Act, HR 7173. Revelas second. **Unanimous approval.**

8. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

A. ANNOUNCEMENT: SUSTAINABLE HOSPITALITY CONFERENCE

Raak: There will be a conference on sustainable hospitality. Tours will be provided of local venues and a series of discussions and presentations. Encouraged attendance.

B. INFORMATION: NACD URBAN AGRICULTURE CONSERVATION GRANT

Murphy: Urban Agriculture Conservation Grant. The grant window has closed, but let’s put it on the committees radar. The Resource Conservation District of Monterey County is interested in reaching out to the community regarding urban ag projects: community garden, urban farming, etc. There are resources, support and interest of other organizations (RCD and Everyone’s Harvest).

Raak asked Staff Liaison Rocha about hurdles regarding city staffing resources related to applying for grants. Rocha communicated that we need to actively track grants and grant cycles, so it will be on next month’s agenda.

Raak asked about Tree City USA and the concern she heard expressed was maintenance and upkeep of trees that were provided to the community.

Abraham-Panni wonders if a service learning student could put together a grant calendar and active projects being completed by local community groups.

9. REPORTS FROM STAFF

Staff Liaison Rocha announced Beekeeping Amendment was approved during the first reading, second reading is next. Complimented the presentations provide by EC Molle and community member Tom Hughes.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm.