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CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE – 8th Floor
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301
March 27, 2017 - 6:15 PM

Cumulative Attendance
1/2017 through 12/2017

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| 2. | Lawrence Clark, Vice Chair | I | P | 2 | 1 |
| 3. | Alena Alberani | II | A | 2 | 1 |
| 4. | Carolann Mazza | III | A | 2 | 1 |
| 5. | Clark Harlow | II | P | 1 | 2 |
| 6. | Douglas Meade | I | P | 3 | 0 |
| 7. | Elizabeth Adler | M | P | 3 | 0 |
| 8. | Enrique Vadiveloo | IV | P | 3 | 0 |
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| 10. | Susan Wood | M | P | 3 | 0 |
| 11. | Vacant | III | -- | -- | -- |

Staff Present

Sustainability Division of Public Works
Glen Hadwen, Sustainability Manager
Aneisha Nicholas, Staff Liaison

Guests Present

Catherine Uden, Surfrider Foundation
Raiza Perrault, Surfrider Foundation

Call of Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Liechty at 6:17 p.m. The roll was called and it was determined a quorum was present. Mr. Schultz arrived at 6:20 p.m. and Mr. Vadiveloo arrived at 6:34 p.m.

Communication to the City Commission

The Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) provides the following Communication to the City Commission:

The Sustainability Advisory Board has identified the following five sustainability priorities, and respectfully requests that the City Commission incorporate them into its Fiscal Year 2018 Commission Annual Action Plan:

- 1. Develop and implement a green building and smart growth ordinance*
- 2. Increase resilience to sea level rise with specific attention to water quality and salt water intrusion*
- 3. Implement urban agriculture in public places*
- 4. Develop and implement a commercial building energy benchmarking ordinance*
- 5. Establish an internal revolving fund for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects*

Motion

Motion made by Vice Chair Clark, seconded by Ms. Wood to advance the above Communication to the City Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

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The Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) provides the following Communication to the City Commission:

The Sustainability Advisory Board urges the City Commission to adopt the attached resolution supporting the initiatives by local municipalities in Florida to lessen the negative impact of single-use plastic bags on our environment. This resolution was presented to us by the Surfrider Foundation. Enclosed is a partial list of other municipalities that have passed this resolution.

Motion

Motion made by Ms. Adler, seconded by Mr. Schultz to advance the above Communication to the City Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION No. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF [NAME OF MUNICIPALITY], FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE INITIATIVES BY LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES IN FLORIDA TO LESSEN THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS ON OUR ENVIRONMENT

WHEREAS, _____ is diligent in its efforts to preserve the beautiful environment that supports the tourism industry which is so vital to the economy of the [Name of Municipality] and the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, plastic bags are detrimental because they do not fully degrade in our oceans or land environment and they introduce unsafe chemicals into our environment; and

WHEREAS, plastic bags create the potential for death of land and marine animals through entanglement and ingestion; and

WHEREAS, the expansive usage of single-use shopping bags and their typical disposal rates creates an impediment to the City's waste reduction and recycling goals while creating unsightly litter; and

WHEREAS, single-use plastic bags are difficult to recycle and frequently contaminate material that is processed through the City's curbside recycling and composting programs; and

WHEREAS, reusable bags are considered to be the best option to reduce waste and litter, protect wildlife and conserve resources; and

WHEREAS, Council acknowledges that some businesses have taken affirmative steps to accomplish this goal and recognizes their proactive efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the Council to encourage and enable the location of a viable reusable bag manufacturing operation in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the Florida Legislature to provide statewide regulation of the proliferation of single-use shopping bags; and

WHEREAS, if the State does not act to regulate the proliferation of single-use shopping bags the Council would like to potentially enact regulations governing the use of plastic checkout bags;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF [LOCAL MUNICIPALITY], FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. [Name of Municipality] is committed to the long-term goal of reducing the harms of plastic pollution on our fragile environment and committed to ensuring a thriving, attractive and safe environment for current and future residents and tourists.

SECTION 2. [Name of Municipality] does hereby support initiatives to lessen the

negative impact of single-use plastic bags specifically, and supports the promotion of reusable shopping bags as the best alternative to single-use plastic or single-use paper bags.

SECTION 3. [Name of Municipality] supports the State Legislature’s action to allow local municipalities in the State of Florida to regulate their own local communities in an effort to alleviate the harms cause by single-use shopping bags; and, therefore, [Name of Municipality] opposes any statewide preemption on local efforts to determine the best course of action with regards to protection of the local environment and tourism economy.

Adopted this ___ day of _____. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

[Name], Mayor

ATTEST:

[Name], City Manager



Support HB 93/S 162- “Disposable Plastic Bags”

HB 93/S 162 would allow municipalities with populations under 100,000 to create a pilot program to regulate or ban disposable plastic bags. The pilot program runs until 2020 and is limited to coastal communities. To date, 38 municipalities across Florida have passed resolutions in support of local control of single-use plastic bags. The following municipalities support the home rule of single-use plastic bags:

Brevard County
City of Bonita Springs
City of Cocoa Beach
City of Coconut Creek
City of Coral Gables
City of Fernandina Beach
City of Hallandale Beach
City of Hollywood
City of Jacksonville Beach
City of Key West
City of Lake Worth
City of Layton
City of Marathon
City of Miami Beach
City of New Smyrna Beach
City of North Miami
City of Pensacola
City of Satellite Beach
City of South Miami
City of Surfside
City of Treasure Island
City of Venice
City of West Palm Beach

Leon County
Miami Dade County
Monroe County
Palm Beach County
Saint Augustine Beach
(Voluntary Bag Ban)
Town of Cutler Bay
Town of Davie
Town of Indiatlantic
Town of Melbourne Beach
Town of Ocean Breeze
Town of Palm Beach
Town of Sewell’s Point
Village of Islamorada
Village of Key Biscayne
Village of North Bay
Village of Pinecrest

Learn more and get involved at <http://florida.surfrider.org>