

<i>SENIOR CITIZENS, FAMILIES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING</i> <i>MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2022</i>

A Committee meeting was held on Monday, August 1, 2022, in the City Hall Council Chambers on the 2nd floor.

Committee Members Present: Council Vice President, Laura M. Toy, Chair
Councilmember Scott Morgan, Vice Chair

Committee Members Absent: Council President Jim Jolly
Councilmember Scott Bahr
Councilmember Rob Gjonaj Donovic

City Officials and Others Present: Councilmember Brandon McCullough
Councilmember Kathleen E. McIntyre
City Attorney, Paul Bernier
Assistant Director of Public Works, Doug Moore

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES*: Jim Baringhaus, Chairman Greenleaf Commission
Betsy Calhoun, Greenleaf Commission
Terry Cullum, Greenleaf Commission
John Grzebik, Greenleaf Commission
Michael Shesterkin, Greenleaf Commission
Sam Caramango, GFL General Manager

MEETING CONVENED: 7:02PM

1. CR 42-20 Subject matter of urban environmental concerns.
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Discussion was led by Council Chair Laura Toy regarding waste management. Sam Caramagno, GFL General Manager stated they offer larger carts to accommodate customers and the complaints have been pretty low.

Sam discussed the fuel toll on their trucks. He stated there is 20% or less of recyclables that go into the trash. The recycling goes to New Boston. He indicated that cardboard and paper are good, but plastics vary.

There have been staffing challenges as well as challenges in getting CDL drivers.

Sam offered to provide a tour of the plant to Council.

The Committee recommends:

Councilmember Scott Morgan offered to leave this item in Committee.

Note: This item will remain in Committee for future updates

This item is to be placed on the **Regular Meeting Agenda of August 22, 2022**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM

2. CR 23-21 Subject matter of sustainability in the City.
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Discussion was led by Council Chair Laura Toy, along with the Greenleaf Commission. There is a need for education on the Tree & Solid Waste Recycling Infrastructure. The Commission recommends recycling solid waste in 65- or 95-gallon containers.

A discussion was held regarding robotic trucks and door to door service for disabled residents, similar to Novi.

A discussion took place regarding recycling bins for yard waste, hazardous waste and organic compost.

It was noted there are recycling grants for larger bins and there should be more community outreach on recycling of solid waste, possibly a phone app and guidelines for recycling.

Councilmember Kathleen McIntyre would like to get information from the Sustainability Committee, while the Chamber could identify with businesses.

Electronic Vehicles (EV) were discussed. Numbers were low last September, another discussion will take place again in October, which will be updated on the City website. EV in Canton, Westland and Northville have vendors for charging stations and offer rebates on fees. E-bikes were also discussed and are very mobile.

Climate change was noted to have seven (7) recommendations in September 2020; high level of greenhouses, temperature changes from 1950-2010 show a 1-degree seasonal increase.

The Committee recommends:

1. Recommendation for Administration to look at an ordinance on e-bikes following the State Law.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura M. Toy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Laura M. Toy, Chair