

PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021

A Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 virtually via Zoom.

Committee Members Present: Laura M. Toy, Chair
Brandon McCullough, Vice Chair
Rob Gjonaj Donovic

Committee Members Absent: None

City Officials and Others Present: Cathy White, Council Member
LaShawn Thomas, Director of Governmental Affairs
Leo Neville, Assistant City Attorney
Donald Rohraff, Director of Public Works
Jim Baringhaus, Chairman Greenleaf Commission
Michael Shesterkin, Greenleaf Commission Member
John Grzebik, Greenleaf Commission Member
Betsy Calhoun, Greenleaf Commission Member
Sam Caramango, GFL General Manager

See attached attendee report.

The meeting convened at 7:05 p.m.

2. CR 42-20 Subject matter of urban environment concerns to the Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee.

Elizabeth Garver, Environmental Quality Specialist, led the discussion presenting the EGLE Recycling Program, economic and environmental benefits in Michigan and NextCycle, MI.

Local program opportunities were also discussed:

- Expanding the recycling infrastructure to 45% in Michigan could provide 138,000 jobs, \$9 billion in labor income and \$33B in economic output.
- Utilizing 2019-2020 Market Development and Infrastructure Grants to fund recycle projects, which consists of \$1M for the public, \$3M for private with a required 20% match of the project total. The due date of application is August 18, 2021.
- Forming partnerships with other cities to help finance recycling activities.
- Designate a drop-off station.
- Initiate online recycling partnerships.
- Provide online information to educate residents on how, where, and why to recycle.
- Utilize grow markets for recycled materials.
- Host a demonstration session to educate residents on recycling.
- Zerocycle: Look for money to apply towards pathways and trails.
- Recycling Racoons: Program to help Michigan residents learn how to recycle more efficiently

The Committee recommends:

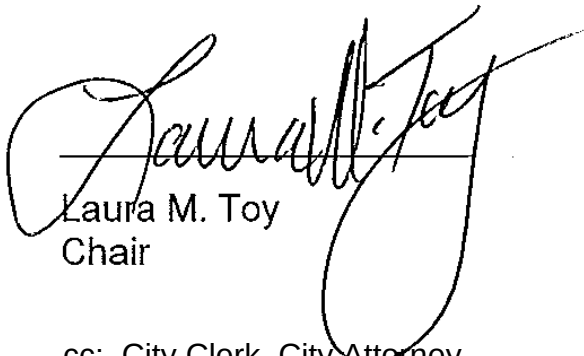
Receiving updates regarding environmental concerns as needed.

Note: This item will remain in committee for further discussions

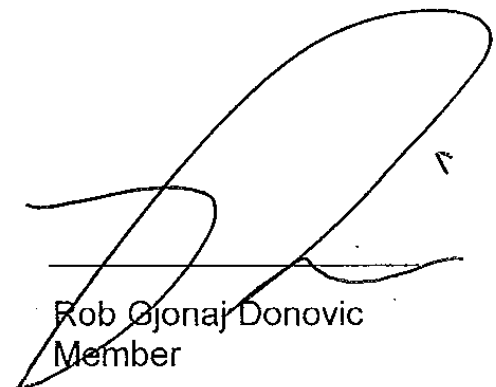
This item is to be placed on the **Regular Meeting Agenda of June 28, 2021**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura M. Toy
Chair



Rob Gjonaj Donovic
Member

cc: City Clerk, City Attorney

Attachment - Attendee Report