



**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ADVISORY
COMMITTEE (ESAC)
WASTE DIVERSION, COLLECTIONS, AND
EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Legal Action Report
Wednesday, June 1, 2022, 3:00 P.M.
Virtual Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Subcommittee Chairperson Garcia at 3:04 P.M.

Those present and absent were:

Present:

Yolanda Herrera
Kris Yarter
Margot Garcia, Chair

Representative, Ward 5
Representative, Ward 6
Representative, City Manager's Office

Absent:

Staff Members Present:

Pat L. Tapia

Cristina Polsgrove
Laurie Pumphrey
Lucy Lucero

Deputy Director, Environmental & General
Services Department (EGSD)
Public Information Officer, EGSD
Management Assistant, EGSD
Recording Secretary, EGSD

2. Approval of Minutes for May 4, 2022

The minutes for May 4, 2022, were approved with corrections.

3. Chairperson's Report

No report given.

4. Waste Diversion

Cristina Polsgrove, EGSD Public Information Officer and Pat Tapia EGSD Deputy Director, reported on the following items:

- **Materials Recovery Facility Report** – The Materials Recovery Report (MRF) was reviewed and discussed, a minor correction under “Payments to the MRF and Revenue” title regarding listed months was made. Some concerns regarding the Excess residue surcharge, the tip fee and sales recovery we're discussed.
- **Materials Recycling Contract Update** – The Materials Recycling contract terms have been reviewed and discussed by staff, procurement, and the city attorney; Republic Services will have time to review terms and conditions before the contract is finalized.

5. Collections

Pat L. Tapia, EGSD Deputy Director, reported on the following items:

- **Los Reales Landfill Update** – SCS Engineering is designing plans for construction of the Cell 4B, the access roads, the relocation of the pond, and stormwater run-off.
- **Routing Update** – For balance and efficiency Monday routes have been rerouted to service about 950 homes per route. Residents have been notified of possible time change in service. The pilot Monday routes will commence on June 13th, 2022. If balancing routes is successful, then Tuesday – Friday routes will also be rerouted.
- **Homeless Camp Protocol Update** - The Homeless Camp Protocol is being revamped; many City departments are combining resources to combat homeless camps. EGSD is committed to sending out crews to clean-up homeless camps in collaboration of the protocol. EGSD has budgeted funds to hire additional employees to assist in Brush & Bulky and at the Los Reales Landfill. More discussion was held regarding homeless camps, homelessness, increased rents, and higher crimes rates due to homelessness.
- **Electric Vehicle Batteries/Disposal** – There are too many unknown factors when it comes to the disposal, and longevity of Electric Vehicles batteries, although clean air innovators and evolution in cleaner technologies advance, it is still to early in this technology to know the potential outcomes.

Chairperson Garcia informed members that the letter written in support of implementing a bin inspection program was sent to Mayor & Council. A copy of the approved letter will be sent out to all ESAC members for their information.

6. Public Outreach Update

Cristina Polsgrove, EGSD Public Information Officer provided an update on the departments Public Outreach efforts. Ms. Polsgrove shared with the Subcommittee that Director De La Torre and herself will be attending a Ward 2 Neighborhood Outreach event this week. Information about the department and services will be shared at this event.

Additionally, Ms. Polsgrove announced that the City has been awarded an \$1 million EPA grant to set-up a revolving loan fund for brownfield clean-ups. This will allow business owners to make improvements and clean-up any contamination on their property. An event will be scheduled to make the official announcement.

A future Zero Waste event will be scheduled for November 5, 2022, at the Catalina United Methodist Church.

Director De La Torre will be presenting at the Arizona Recycling Coalition meeting on Friday, June 3, 2022, about the Los Reales Sustainability Campus.

It was requested to create a Zero Waste website to share with the public general information and the progress of the Zero Waste Roadmap.

Subcommittee Member Herrera expressed concerns about food vendors not following the permit requirements, how to hold customers accountable for contaminating the recycling container and what to do regarding the homelessness in Tucson.

7. Code Enforcement Update

Laurie Pumphrey, EGSD Management Assistant reported on the following items:

- **Code Enforcement Cases** – Currently there are about 3200 cases, which is about the same as last year. The two new code inspectors will be starting in the field this week on weed, and junk motor vehicle cases.
- **Independent Audit and Performance Commission Update** – A meeting will be scheduled as soon as there are members replaced.
- **Peddler's License** – A mobile food vendor is sometimes confused on the requirements for a peddler's license. To become a mobile food vendor, they will need a City of Tucson Business License, Pima County Health License, a Peddler's License through Planning & Development Services Department which includes the site plan where the mobile food vendor will be located. It will also need the property owners written permission to be at that location. There is a distinction from a food truck and a mobile food vendor. Pima county outlines the guidelines for the two. Currently for 2022, 4 peddler's complaints have been reported.

8. Future Agenda Items for Next Meeting (July 6, 2022)

Future agenda items for the following:

- Electric Vehicle Batteries/Disposal
- Routing Update
- Homeless Protocol
- Cell 4B Update
- MRF Contract Update
- CE Case/IAPC

9. Call to the Audience – None.

10. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 P.M.