

DATE: September 25, 2007
TO: City Council
FROM: Mayor Michael Sweeney
SUBJECT: Establishment of Council Sustainability Committee

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council approves and supports the establishment of a Council Sustainability Committee to investigate, develop, and recommend policies regarding sustainable practices for the City; and approves the first appointments to the new Committee.

BACKGROUND

As mentioned in earlier work sessions, I recommend appointing a Sustainability Committee comprised of representatives of the City Council, the Planning Commission, and the Keep Hayward Clean and Green Task Force. I recommend that this Committee be organized and supported by staff as a formal Council Committee. After the first two years, Council should review the purpose and productivity of the Committee.

After receiving expressions of interest for member participation from all Council Members, and after consultation with the Planning Commission Chair (Julie McKillop) and the Chair of the Keep Hayward Clean and Green Task Force (Kindra Mendall), the following individuals have agreed to serve on the Council Sustainability Committee:

- ◆ Council: Mayor Sweeney
- ◆ Council: Councilmember Henson
- ◆ Council: Councilmember Quirk
- ◆ Planning Commission: Chair Julie McKillop
- ◆ Planning Commission: Commissioner Al Mendall
- ◆ Planning Commission: Commissioner Rodney Loché
- ◆ Keep Hayward Clean and Green Task Force Liaison: Member Laura Oliva

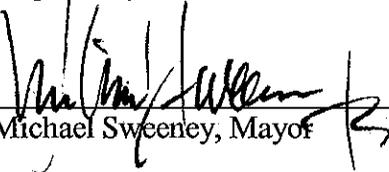
While the term “sustainability” covers a broad range of topics, I am most interested in this Committee first tackling the following issues from a policy perspective:

1. Issues of alternative energy generation and energy conservation within our community, including all commercial and residential types of energy sources and uses.
2. Green building policies for new developments, as well as programs we might develop to generally improve green building renovation throughout our city.
3. The local aspects of global warming: what are the most productive steps we as a California municipality might take at the local level to reduce global warming?

NEXT STEPS

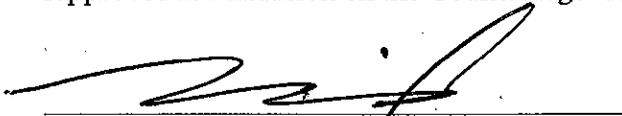
Upon approval, the Acting City Manager and the City Clerk will work to schedule and coordinate the Committee's first meeting. The Acting City Manager will also review staff resource demands in the City to determine the best way to staff this Committee to support its mission.

Prepared by:



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Approved for inclusion on the Council Agenda by:



Fran David, Acting City Manager