



City of Palm Springs Development Services Department Office of Sustainability

TO: Sustainability Commission

FROM: Patrick Tallarico, Manager

SUBJECT: Update Summary – Staff Comments

MEETING DATE: October 19, 2021

The Office of Sustainability would like to provide this update on activities since the last Commission meeting to help speed discussion at the in-person meeting. The following items can be discussed in more depth at the meeting, if desired by the Commission.

- **Past and Upcoming Council Meeting Topics**
 - September 30, 2021 – Potential Changes to the Franchise Agreement Scope to address SB 1383 – presented, and Council asked to review the full draft of the Franchise. Council also requested more information about the details of the community composting operation (e.g., transportation impacts, operating parameters, process description, etc.) and asked that the City provide information on what a composting operation would need to do if City property was identified for their operation.
 - October 14, 2021 – PSDS Franchise Agreement and Solid Waste Rate Adjustment/Extraordinary Fee Increase
 - October 28, 2021 – Climate Action, Solid Waste Ordinance Update (First Reading), and Purchasing Policy
 - November 4, 2021 – Solid Waste Ordinance Draft
 - November 18, 2021 – Franchise Agreement Draft
 - December 9, 2021 – Public Hearing on Solid Waste & Recycling Rate Increases
 - TBD – Cannabis Facility Renewable Energy Ordinance

- **Airport Demonstration Garden** – An RFP has been issued for this turf conversion project with bids due by October 14, 2021. Once the bids are received, there will be a better sense of timing for the installation. There may be a delay in the project based upon how the bidders will remove the turf. We will provide an update at the meeting after bids have been reviewed.

- **Certified Farmer’s Market (CFM)** - City staff, Chair Clark and former Commissioner Vic Yepello hosted an information booth at the CFM on October 2, 2021, and distributed reusable produce and grocery bags to attendees. City staff will continue hosting information booths at the CFM on the first Saturday of each month. plans to participate in the first outdoor market event on October 2nd.

- **EV Charger Expansion progress** – The contractor, Carbon Solutions Group (CSG), has begun work at the

Museum Garage, and it is anticipated to be completed the week of October 24th. Once completed, CSG will begin work at City Hall, followed by the Downtown Baristo Garage.

- **Pedestrian Safety and Safe Routes to School** – The consultant, KOA, provided a draft document of Chapter 4: Recommendations on October 11, 2021. Included was an introduction, pedestrian infrastructure treatments, priority infrastructure projects, and evaluation of priority infrastructure projects. Although a meeting of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Walkability met on Monday October 11th, only one member of the Subcommittee could participate. Staff received comments from the member and will discuss that and other comments with the consultant at the next project management meeting.
- **Sustainability Scholarships** - City staff continues outreach to local businesses to apply for the Sustainability Scholarship program which focuses on assisting food vendors with compliance of the Food Ware Ordinance, EV chargers and electric leaf blowers. No applications have been received since the September Commission meeting.