



Meeting Minutes Environmental Advisory Board

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

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Council Chambers

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Bottle Deposit and Plastic Bag Recycling

Mr. Jones provided a brief overview of the Surfrider Foundation to include the proposed resolution.

John Kurz and Amanda Harig, Surfrider Foundation, discussed plastic straw ban, bottle deposit and plastic bag recycling, guidelines, supporting grocery stores, bans on other plastic items and bags, allowing pilot programs, beach clean-ups, recycling, resolution in support of pilot programs, coastal communities, and passing of resolutions in different counties.

Discussion took place regarding the resolution, negative impact of single-use plastic bags, passing a legal law, other plastic items, banning of plastic straws and cigarette butts, awareness, Surfrider Foundation to contact Publix regarding plastic grocery bags, support from supermarkets, paper or starch based straws, plastic trash on beaches, beach cleanup, ban on plastic straws and lids, feedback from beach communities, sponsor of bill, resolution adoption, bacteria level in fabric bags, paper bags, pet owners usage of plastic bags, starch based bags, decomposition of plastic bags, and lessening negative impact of plastic bags versus banning bags.

Mr. Kurz spoke about the usage of large plastic trash bags used by the municipality, how to monitor usage, support of the resolution, test of local control, and allowing a coastal municipal area of 100,000 or less for the pilot program.

Discussion continued on tourism, support from local grocery stores, logistics to pass resolution, process of getting resolution to city council for discussion and approval, scope of other municipalities on ban, educating the public regarding starch bags, using a state wide model for resolution, resolution on plastic bags only, passing by legislature, education process, and visitors being a large part of the economy.

Discussion followed regarding recommendation to city council, finalization of resolution and retaining the same verbiage before going to city council, educating the public on the single use of the plastic bag ban, and the impact of the ban.

Ms. Fiedler moved to recommend staff add appropriate legal language to the resolution and encourage city council to agree with the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Jones.

Discussion continued regarding making changes, substitution of plastic trash bags, starch bags, definition of single use trash bags, single use shopping bags, and suggestion to make changes to the resolution from single use-plastic bags to single-use plastic shopping bags.

Ms. Fiedler amended the motion to revise line 5 of the resolution from "single-use plastic bags" to "single-use plastic shopping bags."

Mr. Jones requested Mr. Clinch to make changes to the resolution.

A motion was made by Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Mr. Courtney, to change the resolution of line 5 to read single-use plastic shopping bags instead of single-use plastic bags and recommendation to city council for approval. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.