



## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (ES) ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ESAC)

### Minutes

Approved on May 12, 2016  
Thursday, April 14, 2016, 5:00 p.m.  
Ward 6 Council Office Conference Room  
3202 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St.  
Tucson, AZ

#### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Kristin Ginter, ESAC Chairperson at 5:04 P.M.

Those present and absent were:

##### **Present:**

Ron Ewing	Representative, Ward 2
David Reed	Representative, Ward 3
Dan Uthe	Representative, Ward 6
Debra Rodriguez	Representative, Mayor's Office
Kristin Ginter (Chair)	Representative, City Manager's Office
Sandra Fimbres	Representative, City Manager's Office
Margot Garcia	Representative, City Manager's Office

##### **Absent:**

Ann Marie Wolf	Representative, City Manager's Office
Catherine Schladweiler	Representative, City Manager's Office
VACANT	Representative, City Manager's Office
VACANT	Representative, Ward 1
VACANT	Representative, Ward 4
VACANT	Representative, Ward 5

##### **Staff Members Present:**

Andrew Quigley	Director, ES
Alicia Roberson	Finance Manager, ES
Brittany Aldrich	Recording Secretary, ES
Blake Ashley	Assistant City Attorney

#### 2. Approval of Minutes for March 10, 2016

Committee Member Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of March 10, 2016 as written. Committee Member Rodriguez seconded. Motion passed by voice vote of 7 to 0.

### 3. Chairperson's Report

- Director's Retirement

Chairperson Ginter expressed her gratitude for Director Quigley's leadership over Environmental Services. Chairperson Ginter announced on behalf of the Committee, a donation in Director Quigley's name was made to the Primavera Foundation.

### 4. Director's Report

Director Quigley provided an update on the following:

- **Neighborhood Recycling Centers** – ES entered into a service contract with ReCommunity for ES to provide commercial pick-up at Neighborhood Recycling Centers (NRCs) for a reduced cost. During the transition between ReCommunity's service vendors, issues arose resulting in a code violation. ES had made slight changes to the NRC locations by changing the containers from roll-off to front load containers, and adding this to the regular service route of the driver.
- **Mayor and Council Meeting – ES Fees** – At the Mayor and Council meeting of April 5, 2016, Director Quigley presented to the Mayor and Council proposed changes for ES Fees. The fees included were: a recycling surcharge for commercial and residential accounts; an increase in commercial waste collection fees; a potential increase for the Groundwater Protection Fee; and a potential Community Services Fee. A public hearing would be held on May 17, 2016 regarding these fee changes.
- **CNG Dedication Event** – The event would be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 by the City of Tucson's General Services Department. General Services was the sponsor of this project and ES was the beneficiary. The CNG plant will create needed efficiencies during the fueling process.
- **Fry's Food Waste Program** – An event was held on April 1, 2016 to recognize Fry's Food Stores partnership with ES in the Food Waste Program. Fry's Food Store was the first large chain food store to participate city-wide in the program.

No action was taken on these items.

### 5. Subcommittee Reports, Appointments, Meeting Dates, and Assignments

- **Environmental/Engineering** – Subcommittee Chairperson Fimbres outlined the tour held on March 23, 2016 for ESAC members. The tour included several closed landfills, the Los Reales Facility, and the pump-and-treat system. No subcommittee meeting was held during this time.

- **Finance** – The subcommittee meeting was held on April 6, 2016. Subcommittee Chairperson Ewing provided an overview from the meeting. The subcommittee had questions regarding the recycling surcharge fee. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for April 27, 2016.
- **Waste Diversion, Collections, and Education** – The subcommittee meeting was held on April 11, 2016. Subcommittee Member Ginter provided an overview from the meeting. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for May 9 or May 11, 2016.

The subcommittee roster was provided to the committee. Clarification was made that non-appointed subcommittee members should not attend subcommittee meetings because of the possibilities of a full ESAC quorum.

## 6. **Environmental Services Budget Review**

Alicia Roberson, Finance Manager, provided information on this item. The department's Cost of Service model, including revisions for Fiscal Year 2017 were reviewed and discussed. A recycling surcharge would be established on both the commercial and residential side of collections. The amounts discussed were 45 cents for residential rates and 10 dollars per account for commercial rates. Director Quigley further explained that the cost of recycling for commercial accounts had been subsidized for the past four years on the commercial refuse side. The surcharge rates would be reviewed every quarter and decrease 15 cents based on revenues from the marketplace for recyclables. Committee Member Garcia questioned the amount presented for the rate increase on the residential rates. It was requested that other rate scenarios be available at the next Finance Subcommittee meeting so they could be reviewed in more detail. More discussion was held. No action taken at this time.

## 7. **Financial Update**

Director Quigley provided information on this item. No questions or action taken at this time.

## 8. **Future Agenda Items for Next Meeting (May 12, 2016)**

- Code Enforcement Presentation
- Environmental Services Budget Review
- Approval of ES Rates
- SWANA Road-E-O Event

## 9. **Call to the Audience**

Donald Ijams, Tucson Neighbor Support Network and Tucson Residents for Responsive Government, spoke to the committee regarding code enforcement issues. Mr. Ijams asked a question regarding the Code Enforcement budget and the transition between the two departments.

## 10. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.