

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO**

**Waste Reduction Advisory Committee Special Meeting
March 29, 2022**

I. OPENING OF SCHEDULED SPECIAL MEETING

Call to Order

The March 29, 2022 special meeting of the Lafayette Waste Reduction Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:38pm.

Roll Call

Those in attendance from WRAC were Committee Chair Adam Gianola, Committee Vice Chair Jennifer Dingman, Committee Secretary Matt LeBeau and Committee Members Rosie Briggs, Rebecca Tyer, Kathy Wertz, and David Fridland.

Absent: None.

City participant included Board liaison Elizabeth Szorad and City Council liaison Tim Barnes.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Rebecca Tyer and seconded by Matt LeBeau to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2022 WRAC meeting. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC INPUT

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Review of Diversion Goals, Sustainability Plan, and Comprehensive Plan

Gianola discussed diversion goals and Lafayette falling short of the 2021 milestone of 45%. Dingman expressed that it will be essential for WRAC to recommend a hauler based on the diversion goals. The Sustainability Plan also states that an annual increase of diversion of 2% - which still falls short of our diversion goals. Gianola also expressed that the comprehensive plan refers to the Sustainability Plan, but there are guiding principles to take into consideration for discussion such as equity and environmental priorities. LeBeau brought up why even set diversion goals if we aren't going to reach for it. Fridland stated that Lafayette is in a unique position because we do have access to recycling and organics whereas others across the state do not have access to these services.

B. Discuss Request for Proposals – Residential Solid Waste Collection Services

Fridland asked what the barriers are to participating in composting and recycling. There is a large need for outreach and education. Discussed historical context of transition between Republic to Western and public outcry. Discussed the public comment during March 15. Discussed contract alternatives, how those impact each of the proposers, and the benefits to residents. Diversion and how to reach our goals was heavily discussed. Weekly organics was heavily discussed due to the issue of maggots, smell, and others. Also discussed how does price incentivized waste reduction and future bans of yard waste and recycling in the garbage as things progress in the waste industry. Dingman

asked for clarification on the types of trucks one company uses over the other. Wertz requested more information regarding HOA turnover and how the City's solid waste fee will impact those residents. Reviewed different options to send to Council with waste reduction lens and how to achieve our goals.

A motion was made by Matt LeBeau and seconded by Adam Gianola to recommend Council to select Western Disposal as the contractor, as they are best able to assist the City in reaching the waste reduction goals through outreach and education, allowance of additional yard waste bags and branches, and monthly collection of garbage to reduce costs, and incentivize residents to reduce waste and change behavior. We also recommend Council consider adding weekly collection of organics to Western Disposal to further progress diversion and decrease barriers to composting. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09pm.

ATTEST

CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO

Elizabeth Szorad, Staff Liaison

WRAC, Adam Gianola, Chair

The minutes herein are a summary of the business conducted at this meeting, not a verbatim transcript. Only the actions taken and the text appearing in quotation marks are verbatim.