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Concord
ANNOTATED AGENDA
Special Meeting of the
Policy Development &
Internal Operations
Committee

Wednesday,
October 4, 2017

6:00 p.m.

Garden Conference
Room, Wing A
1950 Parkside Drive

AGENDIZED ITEMS – The public is entitled to address the Committee on items appearing on the agenda before or during the Committee’s consideration of that item. Each speaker will be limited to approximately three minutes.

1. **ROLL CALL:** All present

STAFF PRESENT: Kathleen Tropa, Assistant City Manager; Andrea Ouse, Director of Community & Economic Development; Laura Simpson, Planning Manager, Michael P. Cass, Principal Planner; Jessica Gonzalez, Assistant Planner

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** *None*

3. **REPORTS**

a. **Considering** – Enacting a ban on polystyrene. Report by Jessica Gonzalez, Assistant Planner.

ACTION: Jessica Gonzalez presented the staff report, providing general information about polystyrene, previous State-wide legislative efforts, and an overview of other Contra Costa County jurisdictions’ regulations. Following the presentation, the Committee members discussed potential timelines, concerns over staff resources, and potential parameters for a ban.

After staff’s presentation and questions from the Committee, a member of the public spoke in support of a polystyrene ban, but was opposed to a phased implementation approach that would allow businesses time to deplete their existing inventory.

The Committee referred the matter to the full City Council and directed staff to complete the following:

- Research additional information for the table summary on the nearby cities that have enacted a ban to include: exactly what products are banned and/or excluded.
- Conduct outreach to schools and medical facilities in the area and request product information to better understand potentially affected groups.
- Meet with the Chamber of Commerce to get their input and provide them with preliminary information.
- Discuss the matter with Mount Diablo Resource Recovery.

Staff added that part of the discussion at the Council meeting must include prioritization of this task, based upon existing workload.

Additionally, the Council Committee mentioned their preference to focus the ban on food and beverage take-out containers from restaurants.

4. ADJOURNMENT at 6:30 p.m.

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