

**SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2011
6:30 PM**

CHAIRWOMAN MINARIK HAS CALLED A SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING FOR **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2011** AT **6:30 PM** IN THE EUCLID MUNICIPAL CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBER.

AGENDA

PRESENTATION FROM WASTE ZERO

Res. (312-11) A resolution to reduce landfill waste by 50% over the next five years. (Sponsored by Councilperson Minarik)

Ord. (313-11) An ordinance implementing a “Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT)” Program as of January 1, 2012. (Sponsored by Councilperson Minarik)

REGINA CAHILL
CLERK OF COUNCIL

COMMITTEE: HOLZHEIMER GAIL, JONES, LANGMAN, SCARNIENCH, MINARIK

Resolution No.

By – Councilperson Minarik

A resolution to reduce landfill waste by 50% over the next five years.

WHEREAS, each day tons and tons of valuable resources are sent to landfills across Ohio, resources that could economically and reasonably be recovered and recycled saving millions of dollars in material costs and saving additional millions of dollars by avoiding the use of oil based energy to smelt and use virgin resources; and

WHEREAS, landfill space itself is a limited resource that needs to be appropriately used to dispose of those few materials that cannot be reused or recycled; and

WHEREAS, the growth in populations, industrialization, and consumer demand now requires the wise and efficient use of all natural resources, and it is incumbent on states, industries, political and social leaders at every level to initiate programs and initiatives to address this issue; and

WHEREAS, countries, states, and cities are now planning and implementing ways to deal with product design, product distribution, and product recycling by adopting a philosophy which focuses on designing products and services to use the fewest natural resources and least energy to produce, and where the end of product life leads to reuse, recycling, or composting back to nature; and

WHEREAS, the Euclid City Council supports the concept of Landfill Reduction, endorsing both 'back end' or 'downstream' solutions that maximize reuse and recycling aimed at recapturing valuable resources and waste minimization, and 'front end' or 'upstream' solutions requiring industrial product design and environmentally sensitive methods for delivering goods and services along with consumer education that maximizes the use recycled resources, and minimizes the use of difficult to recycle packaging and toxic materials so that each product or service "end of life" leads to further reuse, repair, recycling, or composting.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Euclid City Council that the City of Euclid adopts the philosophy of Landfill Reduction and adopts the goal of encouraging every business, organization, and citizen to work toward 50% Landfill Reduction in the City of Euclid by 2017.

Section 1: AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Euclid Public Service Department is charged with the responsibility on behalf of the City of Euclid to plan, educate, promote, encourage, provide information and available resources and incentives and partner with constituents to assure that the City of Euclid will reach its 50% Landfill Reduction Goal by 2017.

Section 2: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3: That this resolution shall take immediate effect.

Attest:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Passed:

Approved:

Mayor

Ordinance No.

By – Councilperson Minarik

An ordinance implementing a "Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT)" Program as of January 1, 2012.

WHEREAS, PAYT encourages a lifestyle of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle; and

WHEREAS, PAYT generates revenue to help offset some of the City's solid waste costs; and

WHEREAS, PAYT creates equitable distribution of solid waste costs rather than increasing the overall tax burden – residents will pay for their own trash, not their neighbor's; and

WHEREAS, PAYT lowers the amount the City pays its contractor for disposal of residential trash; and

WHEREAS, PAYT encourages recycling which generates additional revenues for the City of Euclid.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the City of Euclid, State of Ohio:

Section 1: That effective January 1, 2012, all residential waste must be placed in City-approved plastic bags acquired from an approved vendor. The price of the bags shall be established by City Council.

Section 2: Bulk items that cannot fit into City-approved bags must be marked with the City-approved stickers acquired from an approved vendor. The price of the stickers shall be established by City Council.

Section 3: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4: That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Attest:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Passed:

Approved:

Effective:

Mayor