

CITY OF NEWPORT
RESOLUTION NO. 3576

A Resolution Establishing a Task Force to Study and Recommend
A Community Plan for Single-Use Plastic Checkout Bags

FINDINGS:

1. On December 6, 2010, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 3529 in support of the state Legislature passing legislation to ban single-use plastic checkout bags. Such legislation was not passed in the 2011 session.
2. Subsequently, the Council was asked to consider passing an ordinance to ban single-use plastic checkout bags. A petition signed by around 50 local groups and businesses was submitted to the Council in support of this request.
3. On October 17, 2011, the Council held a public hearing in which public testimony and submitted written comment ran almost entirely in favor of a local ban on single-use plastic checkout bags. Following the public hearing, the Council decided in a 5-2 vote to move forward with drafting an ordinance to ban single-use plastic checkout bags with a charge on paper checkout bags.
4. On November 7, 2011, the Council voted 4-3 to reconsider and then deny its October 17 decision. Councilor Allen, who voted against drafting an ordinance, offered and was asked to put together some suggestions for discussion the following month.
5. On December 5, 2011, the Council considered the suggestion to form an advisory task force. Councilor Allen, with assistance from Councilor Roumagoux, who voted in favor of drafting an ordinance, was asked to put together some preliminary ideas for an advisory task force for discussion the following month.
6. On January 3, 2012, the Council considered a potential list of stakeholders for an advisory task force, a timeline for the task force, and responsibility of the task force. Councilor Allen, with assistance from Councilor Roumagoux, was asked to put together a draft resolution for discussion the following Council meeting.
7. On January 17, 2012, the Council considered a draft resolution to establish a task force, and after further discussion directed city staff to initiate the process of establishing a task force with membership, a timeline, and responsibility as set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF NEWPORT RESOLVES:

Section 1. The Council establishes a Plastic Bag Community Plan Task Force with the following members:

Surfrider Foundation - Newport Chapter
Oregon League of Conservation Voters - Lincoln County Chapter
Lincoln County Solid Waste District
Lincoln County Solid Waste Hauler/s
Northwest Grocery Association
J C Thriftway Market
Newport Farmer's Market
Large Retailer (non-grocery)
Smaller Retailer (non-grocery)
At least two Public at-large

Section 2. The members listed in Section 1 above, with the exception of larger retailer, smaller retailer, and public at-large, can select the person/s to represent them on the Task Force. Council will appoint larger retailer, smaller retailer, and public at-large through the standard city application and interview process.

Section 3. The responsibility of the Task Force is to identify different approaches to reduce or eliminate the use of single-use plastic checkout bags, and ways in which to measure their effectiveness. This may include community outreach and education, local recycling efforts, a local ban either with or without a charge/deposit on paper checkout bags, or a combination of these or other approaches.

Section 4. The Task Force can seek assistance from local organizations, like the Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce, as an information resource. Task Force members can do their own information gathering as well.

Section 5. The Task Force will be responsible for forwarding recommendation/s to the Council for consideration and potential plan of action.

Section 6. The Task Force will be responsible for completing its task by the Council's regular meeting on September 4, 2012.

Section 7. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

Passed and adopted by the Newport City Council on February 6, 2012.



Mark McConnell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder