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**ANNOTATED
Special Meeting of the
Infrastructure and
Franchise Committee**

Thursday,
March 25, 2021

5:30 p.m.

various
telephonic/electronic
locations

The Contra Costa County Health Department has ordered individuals in Contra Costa County to “shelter in place”. The California Department of Public Health issued its “Mass Gatherings Guidance on Novel Coronavirus or COVID-19” followed by a recommendation that certain gatherings in California be postponed or canceled. The Governor of the State of California issued Executive Order N-25-20 which, among other things, orders that all California residents are to “. . . heed any orders and guidance of state and local public health officials, including but not limited to the imposition of social distancing measures, to control the spread of COVID-19” and pursuant to Executive Order N-33-20 has ordered all individuals in California to stay home or at their place of residence with very limited exceptions. That means residents must obey State, County, and City of Concord rules and guidelines.

City of Concord Rules: The City of Concord has declared a local state of emergency due to COVID-19 and is closed to the public. This Committee meeting is an essential event; therefore, it has not been cancelled. However, City of Concord officials and staff will conduct this meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically. The City will **not** make available any physical location from which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment. Instead, members of the public may observe and address the meeting remotely. Below is information on how to do that.

Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:

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Under California law, public comments at special meetings are limited to subjects on the agenda only. Therefore, public comment will only be taken prior to Council's consideration of each item.

How to Submit Public Comments:

Written: All comments received **before 3:00 pm the day of the meeting** will be posted on the City's website as "Correspondence" under the agenda item and provided to the City Council prior to the meeting.

- Email comments to cityclerk@cityofconcord.org.
- Please identify the agenda item number and letter.

To Participate in Public Comment During the Meeting:

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- Speakers will be asked to provide their name and city of residence, although providing this is not required for participation.
- Each speaker will be afforded up to 3 minutes to speak.
- Speakers will be muted until their opportunity to provide public comment.

When the Chair opens a public comment period on the item on which you would like to comment, please use the "raise hand" feature (or press *9 if connecting via telephone) which will alert staff that you have a comment to provide.

Meeting of the Infrastructure and Franchise Committee

1. **ROLLCALL: All present**

2. **REPORTS**

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. **Please see "How to Submit Public Comments" above.**

a. Considering the following items:

1. Changes in the solid waste industry that will require Council consideration of modifications to the City's Solid Waste Ordinance, Franchise Agreement with Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery and residential rates for trash/recycling collection; and

2. Recommending to the full City Council a continuation of the existing recycling surcharge at its current rate until a Base Year rate review is completed. **Report by Justin Ezell, Director of Public Works.**

ACTION: Director Ezell provided a presentation and oral report. Representatives Kish Rajan and Sal Evola from Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery provided additional information and answered questions of the Committee. Committee Members directed staff to discuss the challenges and costs surrounding solid waste with Congressman DeSaulnier. The Committee also directed staff to move forward to the full Council a recommendation to keep residential solid waste rates flat in calendar year 2021 and hold the existing recycling surcharge in place until a Base Year review is complete and becomes effective. No members of the public spoke on the topic.

3. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

There is a 90-day limit for the filing of a challenge in the Superior Court to certain City administrative decisions and orders which require a hearing by law, the receipt of evidence, and the exercise of discretion. The 90-day limit begins on the date the decision is final (Code of Civil Procedure §1094.6). Further, if you challenge an action taken by the City Council in court, you may be limited by California law to raising only those issues you or someone else raised in the hearing or in a written correspondence delivered to the City Council prior to or at the hearing.

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