

REPLACEMENT FOR AGENDA ITEM #17

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Proposed Zero Waste Resolution

- WHEREAS, Public Act 14-94 called for proposals for the redevelopment of the Connecticut Solid Waste System which currently incinerates waste from 51 towns in Hartford's South Meadows, and
- WHEREAS, After prolonged negotiations between the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA) and the selected vendor, Sacyr Rooney Recovery Team (SRRT), it was determined that the redevelopment project was not financially viable without a significant public investment, and
- WHEREAS, Governor Lamont and CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Commissioner Dykes announced there would be no public investment to "keep a failing decades-old facility running" and that it was a "time for new ideas," and
- WHEREAS, Commissioner Dykes has launched a joint initiative of DEEP and municipal leaders throughout the state to make collective progress on improving Connecticut's waste management system through waste reduction strategies, and
- WHEREAS, the Hartford Court of Common Council is on record advocating the removal of the Connecticut Solid Waste System facility from the South Meadows and the restoration of the site for its economic development for the creation of jobs for Hartford residents and realization of tax revenue for the City of Hartford; and
- WHEREAS, MIRA is under contract to continue to accept waste from member towns through the year 2027, now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, The City of Hartford should join the state initiative to ensure the City has a meaningful role to help achieve the stated goal to minimize and mitigate impacts

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of waste management infrastructure on overburdened communities, and be it further

- RESOLVED, The City of Hartford adopts the Waste International Alliance's definition of Zero Waste: The conservation of all resources by means of responsible production, consumption, reuse, and recovery of products, packaging, and materials without burning and with no discharges to land, water, or air that threaten the environment or human health.
- RESOLVED, The Department of Public Works (DPW) shall develop a zero-waste plan for the City, guided by the definition above, in partnership with Zero Waste consultants and the Hartford Solid Waste Task Force (HSWTF), and be it further
- RESOLVED, That DPW and the HSWTF shall report back to the Court of Common Council by February, 2021 with preliminary recommendations, including establishing a baseline of current waste disposal, and the identification and schedule of actions to achieve at least a 30% reduction in the amount of waste sent for disposal from the amounts sent for disposal in 2019, and adopt a 90% reduction goal by 2045.