

# Summary of SWWG Meeting – July 19, 2023

Good Afternoon Mayor & Town Council Members,

While a couple of Council Members were on today's call at 11 am, I wanted to provide a summary update on what I observed at today's meeting of the Solid Waste Working Group (SWWG).

Mayor Ross advised that he would soon be sending out an email to the members of the SWWG about the need for upcoming appointments to the Solid Waste Authority (SWA) Governing Board. A Delegate, Alternate and appointee to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) would need to be made. I have tentatively scheduled these appointments to be made at the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, pending the direction from the SWWG. Mayor Ross advised our appointments will serve at the pleasure of the Town and have no term while the Executive Board which will be made up of members from the Governing Board will have a 2 year term.

Assistant County Administrator Kevin Kelleher advised that the Waste Composition Study should be completed and submitted for Broward County review by August 2023. The Waste Generation Study is anticipated to be completed in the Fall. Originally contemplated to be completed sooner, it has been delayed due to the truck assigned to Pembroke Pines from Waste Pro being down for service.

A question was asked of a representative of Arcadis about whether the data in their study would go "stale." The representative insisted that the data would not be "stale" when ready to be acted upon.

Several members of the public spoke, with a majority of them being SWR residents. In particular, Marianne Allen, Richard Ramcharitar, and Debbie Green let their voices be heard regarding concerns ranging from the hazards of incinerators to ensuring better communication from the SWWG to the municipalities and private citizens. They also discussed how SB 1764 Municipal Solid Waste - Waste-to-Energy requisite finance and funding should be diverted to Zero Waste hierarchy strategies and not incineration; and that Zero Waste initiatives contribute to U.N. Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development.

Other members of the public questioned the criteria used to select the consultant that will develop the Master Plan. They also asked about the criterion to be used for TAC members as they wanted to ensure that they were familiar with Zero Waste and other methods of disposal. Another resident questioned whether a review of the current incinerator will be performed, while another requested that other disposal technologies be considered. Lastly, legal counsel representing the Miccosukee Tribe advised while they had not yet taken any official position at this point, they were following this issue closely.

Parkland Commissioner Bob Mayersohn advised that Deerfield Beach has started a pilot program for composting. We will reach out to them to try and learn more about this program.

Broward County Commissioner Beam Furr stated that the focus of the Authority is to look at the best way to handle solid waste.

No future meetings were announced as of yet, but I anticipate that when Mayor Ross sends out his communication requesting the municipalities to appoint their members to the Governing Board and TAC we will be advised of the next meeting. Should something change, I will so advise.