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Agenda Item Name:

Zero Waste Strategy Report Update

Presenter:

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Description:

Update on the Joint Alachua County and City of Gainesville Zero Waste Strategy Report

Recommended Action:

Receive update

Prior Board Motions:

August 6, 2018 - Joint County / City of Gainesville meeting. County and City Commissions direct staff to work on a Joint Zero Waste Plan.

June 25, 2019 - Approval of Agreement with Kessler Consulting, Inc.

September 22, 2020 - First Amendment to Agreement with Kessler Consulting, Inc.

Fiscal Consideration:

None

Background:

In 2018, Alachua County retained Kessler Consulting, Inc. to help develop a community wide Zero Waste Strategy Report with the City of Gainesville. The project is intended to provide direction for devising the means, methods, and infrastructure necessary to sustainably manage materials within both jurisdictions. A Baseline Report was completed on April 2020 and a Draft Preliminary Strategy Report was completed on September 2020.

The Draft Zero Waste Preliminary Strategy Report was presented to the Environmental Protection Advisory Committee on December 1, 2020, the Citizen Climate Advisory Committee on January 14, 2021 and the Rural Concerns Advisory Committee on January 19, 2021. Additionally, staff hosted a Webinar Presentation on the Preliminary Report on January 21, 2021 and conducted follow-up meetings with individual stakeholders. The webinar is available in the City's Zero Waste Website ([<http://www.zerowastegnv.com/stakeholder-survey/>](http://www.zerowastegnv.com/stakeholder-survey/)) and the County's YouTube Channel ([<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YM6UU_vhg8A&t=574s>](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YM6UU_vhg8A&t=574s)). The report will be updated and finalized based on the input received from the community. Once the report is completed, it will be presented to the Joint Water and Climate Policy Board and then to the County and City Commissions. Staff is anticipating that the report will be completed by May 2021.