

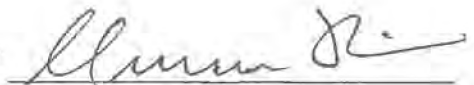
MOTION

Consistent with the City's commitment to the goal of zero waste, we should embrace a resource management approach that emphasizes reducing waste creation, reuse whenever possible, and recycling materials from equipment that cannot be reused. When our solid waste is reduced or materials are reused, this source reduction effort means the material never enters the waste stream. Each year, hundreds of bicycles that were either lost or stolen, are held in a Police Department warehouse for a specified period until they are reclaimed by their original owners. However, there are also hundreds of bicycles in that same warehouse that will go unclaimed and these bicycles are either auctioned off for a minimal profit or sent out to be destroyed.

The City should establish a program that saves these surplus bikes from destruction and distributes them back into the community to be refurbished and reused by underprivileged youth. Continued use of bicycles that are unclaimed by their original owners is possible through a refurbishment program. This program would strive to provide bicycles to non-profit and community organizations serving low income youth. By saving unclaimed bicycles from being auctioned off or destroyed and refurbishing them for reuse in the community, the City would also be able to further promote cycling as an alternative method of transportation, help bridge the transportation gap in disadvantaged communities and establish a best practice model for the future for maximizing usage of surplus equipment the City no longer intends to use, but which has continued use potential.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of General Services with the assistance of the Police Department and the City Attorney be directed to report with recommendations for establishing a pilot program to refurbish / recycle / redistribute for use by underprivileged youth, surplus unclaimed bicycles held by the Police Department which are slated for auction or destruction, including any ordinance which may be needed to amend the Administrative Code (§22.547, et seq.) relative to current procedures for donations of surplus equipment.

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