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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	12146	Agenda Number	57.
Meeting Date:	1/26/2012		Department:	Austin Resource Recovery	
Subject					
Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending Chapter 15-6 of the City Code phasing in a prohibition of single-use carryout bags within the city limits. (Suggested date and time: March 1, 2012, 4:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX.)					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Fiscal Note					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	April 19, 2007 - Approved Resolution No. 20070419-026 directing the City Manager to evaluate and recommend strategies for limiting the use of non-compostable plastic bags by stores located in the City, and promoting the use of compostable plastic bags, recyclable paper bags, or reusable checkout bags. April 10, 2008 - Approved Resolution No. 20080410-048 adopting a voluntary plastic bag reduction plan in lieu of an ordinance banning plastic bags, to reduce by half the number of plastic bags entering the waste stream within 18 months. June 24, 2010 – Approved Resolution No. 20100624-079 directing the City Manager to determine the cost to Austin taxpayers of processing plastic bags in the waste stream. August 4, 2011 - Approved Resolution No. 20110804-021 directing the City Manager to draft, process, and bring forward for Council consideration by November, 2011, an ordinance providing a comprehensive phase-out of single-use plastic bags offered at retail check-outs within the city limits of Austin. The City Manager is further directed to engage retail stakeholders and concerned citizens in the development of the draft ordinance.				
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Boards and Commission Action:	The Solid Waste Advisory Commission (SWAC) will hear the issue at their February 8, 2012 meeting with a possibility for action. The Environmental Board will receive a presentation at their January 18, 2012 meeting.				
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					
Additional Backup Information					

