

Administrative Assistant Heydman announced that no written public comment had been received on the Consent Calendar.

There were no requests to speak

Chair Chinn closed public comment.

***Committee Member Ebiner moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Committee Member Haskell, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:***

***AYES:*** ***Committee Member – Chinn, Condon, Distelrath, Ebiner, Haskell, Lam, May***

***NOES:*** ***Committee Member – None***

***ABSENT:*** ***Committee Member - Hines***

1. Approval of the Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2026  
Approved and filed the regular Sustainability Committee meeting minutes of February 23, 2026.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM**

2. Sustainability Annual Report 2025

Kristin Mikula, Community Services Manager, provided an oral update on the 2025 Sustainability Annual Report.

Jeremy Swan, Community Services Director, and Manager Mikula responded to questions from the Committee regarding the decrease in the amount of organic waste taken to the landfill, the increase in residents recycling more accurately, the City's intent to switch to drought-tolerant landscaping and remove turf, the fluctuation in water usage throughout the City, the effects of water restrictions on water consumption versus when they are lifted, the four City facilities where solar panels have been installed, the five dual-port electric vehicle charging stations located throughout the City, the process of having charging ports repaired, future plans for installation of more charging stations, retaining Goal 3.6.1 in the Sustainable City Plan although no data has been gathered since putting the goal in place, and how certain goals were developed by the Subcommittees when the Sustainable City Plan was updated in 2020.

Chair Chinn invited public comment.

Administrative Assistant Heydman announced that one public comment had been received for this item.

There were no requests to speak.

Chair Chinn closed public comment.

In response to the written public comment received, the Committee discussed how the data collected for Goals 5.4.1 and 5.4.2 includes both private and public trees; the City no longer requiring replanting trees following removal; the City being more proactive in removing dead trees; the increase in private trees being planted; residents choosing smaller tree species, thereby decreasing the canopy percentage; the importance of quality over quantity in the Urban Forest; the decreasing trend of broken branches and trees lost due to windstorms; frequency of canopy data collection; the ideal canopy percentage, including both public and private property, for the size of the City; the City considering looking to private firms to gather more current data; options to diversify or remove specific species from the Designated Street Tree List; comparing data from neighboring communities; the possibility of having the Arbor Access map available to the residents and the public; the goal to increase the number of trees in the upcoming years; how to look at and review the Sustainable City Plan; staff working with the Tree Committee on recommendations for incorporating the Committee's concerns and requests during Sustainable City Plan development; the goal to plant more trees than are removed; and tree planting data being slightly skewed because of delays due to the need to complete tree trimming prior to bird nesting season.

Director Swan and Manager Mikula responded to questions from the Committee regarding the progress of certain items in the 2025 Sustainability Annual Report; how certain items may be delegated to other, more appropriate Departments for completion; and bringing more to the Sustainable City Plan to "move the needle" on more goals.

***The Committee received and filed the report.***

### **REPORTS (STAFF)**

Director Swan reported that the Trane Energy Efficiency Project has been completed. Solar panels have been installed at the City Yard, Police Department, and the Alexander Hughes Community Center. Metrics will provide future updates and reports on energy saved. Community Development will attend the upcoming Sustainability Committee Meeting in July to provide updates on gas leaf blowers, natural gas connections, and new development.

Director Swan announced the resignation of Committee Member Emily Condon.