



CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: City Administrator

SUBJECT: EXIDE FACILITY - UPDATE

MEETING DATE: September 6, 2016

Item No. _____

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Council may receive a status update on Exide related activity from DTSC representatives or City staff, and take appropriate action as deemed necessary.

BACKGROUND:

The Exide Technologies Inc. recycling plant located at 2700 South Indiana Avenue in the City of Vernon was in operation for numerous years. It specialized in the melting and processing of battery cores.

In April 2013, the Department of Toxic Substances (DTSC) suspended Exide's operations in Vernon and revoked operation permits after receiving concerning reports regarding airborne emissions from Exide's operations and ongoing subsurface releases from degraded underground pipes. DTSC concluded that Exide was releasing hazardous waste into the soil, including the soil of surrounding communities. .

In April 2015, Exide informed DTSC of their intent to permanently close down the Vernon Plant.

ANALYSIS:

The City Council is committed to protecting the public health and safety of community residents that may be affected by potentially toxic or harmful air emissions from the Exide facility. City Council Exide Advisory Group Members may also provide the City Council with Exide related updates from recent meetings attended, if any.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Provide staff with further direction.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This activity may be carried out without additional impact on the current operating budget.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC GOALS:

This item before the City Council is applicable to the following Council 2012 Strategic Goals: *Develop a Tangible Environmental Mitigation Plan* and *Implement Strategic Communication Plan for all Key Stakeholders*.

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