

Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting

9/8/22

4:30 PM

Members:

Chair: Councilor Keith Nyhan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Councilor Karen McNamara	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Councilor Gail Matson	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilor Brent Todd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Councilor Paula McLaughlin	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilor Zandra Rice Hawkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Eric Steinhauser	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

At 4:33 Chairman Nyhan called the meeting to order.

The first item, to approve the minutes of the SWAC meeting held 5/17/2022, motioned by Councilor Todd and seconded by Councilor McNamara. The motion passed unanimously.

The second agenda item was presented by Brian Groshen and Peter Burnham of Casella Waste. The two presented proposed transfer station rates to be effective Oct. 1. The rates don't require committee approval but doing so to inform the group.

Costs of doing business have gone up dramatically and Concord TS is unique in that the material must be handled twice as opposed to other locations. Eric Steinhauser asked if there was a way to redesign the TS to change that and Casella indicated they are open to any ideas as that would benefit everyone. Discussion then turned to the traffic layout and limitation of the site.

Average transaction at the TS is .15 tons at the TS and minimum fee is not going up. Rates will be effective 10/1/22 and posted on the web.

The committee then began a presentation of the current contract situation of the City as they were waiting for City Solicitor Jim Kennedy to arrive and go into the next agenda item.

The presentation covered the current contract status of the City as well as the prospect for moving forward with RFPs. The committee was reminded of the four areas of financial concern in the contract that has been identified in the budget. The committee will need to be considerate of "two levers", that is PAYT pricing and increases to the General Fund transfer based on what the RFP submittals show.

The current pro forma calls for a 25% PAYT price increase in Fiscal Year 2024.

City Solicitor Kennedy then arrived and the committee then voted unanimously to go into non-public session.

The committee then voted to come out of non-public session unanimously.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilor Todd, seconded by Mr. Steinhauser and unanimously approved.