

Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting

10/25/22

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 4:30 Chairman Nyhan called the meeting to order.

The first item, to approve the minutes of the SWAC meeting held 9/8/2022, was motioned by Councilor McNamara and seconded by Mr. Eric Steinhauser. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Nyhan then asked Adam Clark for an overview of the Agenda. Mr. Clark explain that the agenda items would all be included in a PowerPoint that Staff had put together. Those items were;

- Pro Forma Review/PAYT Discussion
- Automated Collection
- Outreach Discussion with Public Information Officer, Stefanie Breton

The presentation began with an overview of the Competitive RFP timeline the City is presently engaged in. Disposal RFPs were solicited and have been submitted. Collections RFPs were solicited and will be accepted with a revised due date of 12/7/22.

Chip Chesley indicated that the Disposal Contract will need to be brought forward to City Council in January.

All of these RFPs and results will filter into the first topic of conversation, that is PAYT pricing and it's corresponding impact on the General Fund Transfer.

After a review of the current Pro Forma and a survey of existing PAYT communities with curbside collection, 4 scenarios were presented. The first two looked at PAYT pricing of \$3.00 and \$1.50 with the first option increasing the General Fund Transfer in one year with the second one having that increase take place over three years.

The second two options looked at Pro Forma with prices of \$3.50 and \$1.75 per bag. The first option looked at adjust the GF transfer in one year and the second over three.

Discussion commenced from the Committee around these prices which provided “brackets” in a sense as to what pricing will need to look like with the signing of new solid waste contracts.

The committee recognized that price increases are challenging for residents. Also noted that a price increase has only occurred once since the program’s inception.

Discussion surrounded the 1- and 3-year general fund transfer increase with general consensus that 3-year phased increases provides more flexibility.

With unknown pricing, it is impossible to say how long pricing may be held at this point. Higher than anticipated increases or faster than anticipated increases will affect the fund’s prospects.

Conversation then skipped ahead somewhat to outreach campaigns which the committee discussed with PIO, Stefanie Breton. Roll out and communication will be important to explain the reasons why this is necessary.

In light of that, the Committee would like to set another SWAC Meeting for the 15th of December to have a working meeting to discuss outreach efforts and for updates on the progress.

The Committee at that point can consider their recommendation for pricing. Staff will look at the timeline and perhaps a SWAC Meeting to be scheduled for the 5th of January could work as well. This will be prior to the Council meeting.

The conversation then shifted to Automated Collection. Staff anticipates that Proposers will include alternate proposals for automated collections. Pro and Cons of this were discussed including;

- Implementation Costs (To be determined but likely a significant capital expense/some operating budget savings)
- Maintenance Requirements/Costs
- Significant PAYT Issues
- Densely populated neighborhood/winter/parking challenges
- Aesthetics
- Community demographics/toter size
- Increased Exposure/Community Dissatisfaction
- Too Much Too Quick?
- Investigate during the term of the contract?

Discussion also brought up that some rural collection stops could be challenged with automated collection.

Conversation then turned to the outreach campaign ideas submitted by Stefanie Breton. As discussed earlier, more work will be done on this front at the December SWAC meeting. This will be a critical point of communication for the City.

Following that, a motion to adjourn was made by Eric Steinhauser and seconded by Councilor Todd.
That was unanimous.