

Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting

12/15/22

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 was to approve the minutes of the SWAC meeting held 10/25/2022. A motion to accept was made by Mr. Eric Steinhauser and seconded by Councilor Brent Todd. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Nyhan then asked staff for an overview of the Agenda. General Services Director Chip Chesley indicated he would be providing a status update as to the current contract negotiations which would be followed by a discussion on outreach with PIO Stefanie Breton and Communications Coordinator Angelina Zulkic.

An overview of the Competitive RFP timeline the City is presently engaged in was reviewed. City Staff have received proposals for both a disposal and a collections RFP which will be looked at together to determine the best combination for the City.

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

The RFP timeline was in response to current supply chain issues with vendors needing 18 months in order to procure equipment.

Conversation then turned to PAYT pricing with Chip giving an explanation that the city has two ways to pay for solid waste services, that is PAYT pricing and a general fund transfer. Both will need to be adjusted to cover costs anticipated in a new contract as demonstrated in previous year pro forma.

The committee then turned to outreach efforts that will be utilized in the January through May timeframe where industry updates will need to be explained to residents and Council. Following budget delivery, those industry realities will become a part of what Concord is experiencing.

Mr. Steinhauser noted outreach in the schools is critical.

Councilor Todd noted the challenge in messaging is keeping the message simple.

Comments were made around the subject of helping residents learn to create less waste. Councilor McNamara noted opportunities in the community to buy in bulk.

Angelina Zulkic then provided an overview of what she characterized as a “long outreach campaign” which start in the new year and continues through the year and beyond.

The committee agreed that outreach is important and looks forward to further updates in a SWAC meeting on 1/5 and Council meeting 1/9.

Mr. Steinhauser made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Councilor McNamara. The motion passed.