

**MINUTES
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION
MAY 19, 2005**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Dinzeo – Chairman; Linda Brennan; Councilor Otis Perry; Jim Sconyers

PRESENT:

Michael Moore – Solid Waste Coordinator; Tammy Bougie – Recording Secretary; Sean Hall – Solid Waste Truck Driver; Stacey Hager – Community Services Office Manager

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Paul Smith; Doug Kemp; Ed McCabe; Judy Mettee; Gary Gilmore

MINUTES:

On a motion by Dave, seconded by Councilor Perry, the minutes were approved with the amendment to take out the \$33,000 figure in the monthly update; this is an incorrect figure. The vote was unanimous.

MONTHLY UPDATE:

On a motion by Councilor Perry seconded by Linda the vote was unanimous to accept the update. The committee has some questions for the Finance Director regarding the Vehicle Reclamation Trust Fund. A discrepancy remains in the income and expense data and will be resolved for the next meeting after records are researched. Alternate report layouts will be considered at the next meeting.

RECYCLING CENTER:

Update on operations: The center is now extracting freon for API to collect. The refrigerators are disposed as metal and this is a cost savings to the City. The filter crusher is working well. The trailer is in the new location and the communication wires are being hooked up.

Discussion of viability/profitability of material marketing: In view of the new contract Mike suggested now would not be the time to start this; the Commission agreed.

Discussion of bailer acquisition: Cardboard proceeds are part of the new contract so Mike suggests not changing how this is handled at this time.

Discussion on Center preps and use for new contract: Cardboard and paper will be mixed in a 50 yard roll-off container; eliminating two 30 yard roll-off containers making more space at the center. This will not effect curbside paper/cardboard recycling.

CONTRACT UPDATE:

Progress on preparations: Pinard Waste Systems personnel could not attend this meeting but will attend the next meeting. Mike is meeting with Pinard Waste Systems on a weekly basis to smooth the transition. Pinard Waste System is busy learning the trash routes. City staff is reviewing the contract.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of complaint handling including communication chain, hot line and off hours reporting. Discussion ensued on how to handle complaints, no decision at this time. The community services staff will pursue a hotline for complaints. On off hours, Pinard staff would need to call in and check the messages and respond. Community services personnel can also call in to check complaints as well. The goal is to have the system in place for the transition to the new contract. Mike will be working closely with Pinard Waste Systems and city employees to make sure complaints are handled within the allotted time.

Bag and Tag price increase: Mike recommended an increase of \$0.20 for the large bags and \$0.15 for the large bags. Discussion ensued on whether or not to provide a recommendation on a price increase to support the Budget vote on June 1st or delay the recommendation until the next SWAC meeting. On a motion by Linda seconded by Jim a vote was taken to make the following recommendation to the City Council. Increase the bag prices as follows: 15-gallon bags to \$1 and 30-gallon bags to \$1.50, to be effective July 1, 2005 and let the merchants profit go up to 4 cents. Also, Mike will be researching bags with either a drawstring or tab ties. The vote was 3 in favor 1 opposed. The increase is to help cover the increasing cost of solid waste collection/disposal.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Bulky Waste Collection progress: The Commission discussed some concerns with the collection program. The collection is perceived as a spring clean up where any thing can be put out. This is not the intention of the program and with all of the advertising there is still lots of confusion. This will need to be clarified before the next collection.

Update on Budget and discussion on eliminating \$23K for leaf bags: On a motion by Linda seconded by Councilor Perry the vote was unanimous to cut the bags out of the budget.

Update on screening dumpsters: Paul Chalue and Tom Clark are working on this issue.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2005 at 6:00 pm.