



Memorandum

To: Edward Lavalley, City Manager

From: John Veneziano, Public Works Director

Date: September 20, 2016

Subject: Solid Waste and Recycling Fees

On February 23, 2016, the City Council adopted Resolution 2016-06 creating the Solid Waste and Recycling Rate Stakeholder's Work Group. On July 12, 2016, the chair of the Work Group appeared before the City Council to request that rates be raised 5% across the board effective with FY17 to prevent the Solid Waste and Recycling fund from dipping below the policy fund balance. The group continues to meet monthly and anticipates making further recommendations regarding FY 18 and beyond within the next six months or so.

Solid waste and recycling rates are contained in section 54-161 of the City Code. In order to change rates, the code section needs to be revised. Ordinance 2016-18 making these revisions was approved by the City Council on first reading on September 13, 2016. One revision was added to the ordinance during that meeting. The second and final reading for the revised ordinance is scheduled for September 27, 2106.

The next meeting of the group is scheduled for September 22, 2016. In addition to recommending rate changes in future years the group will also look at type and level of services provided and may make recommendations regarding changes to such services which would have impacts on division revenues and expenses. The group will also look at solid waste and recycling rules as set forth in the city code and facilities which support the solid waste and recycling operations.

Recommendation: Adopt the changes to the code consistent with the version adopted on first reading.