

Minutes
City of Venice
Solid Waste and Recycling Stakeholders' Work Group
May 13, 2019

The Solid Waste and Recycling Stakeholders' Work Group met on May 13, 2019, at 2:00 PM in the Public Works Administration Conference Room.

1. Call to Order

- A. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 with the following members present, Lee Lichtle, Tony Pinzone, Fred Francis, Debra Reynolds, and Jack Oros. Mike Pachota and John Hinshaw was absent. City of Venice staff present; James Clinch, Bob Moroni, and Susan Carpenter from Public Works and Joe Welch and Linda Senne from Finance.

2. Approval of Minutes

- A. Mr. Francis moved to approve the minutes from the April 26 meeting, seconded by Mr. Oros and approved unanimously.

3. New Business

- A. **SW/Recy Budget Review – FY20 and FY21** Mr. Welch reviewed budget figures with the Work Group.
- B. **Review and Recommendations Summary** – Presented by Mr. Welch, Mr. Moroni, and Mr. Clinch. The following are the recommendations of the Stakeholder's Work Group:

A. Rate Recommendations

- 1. Residential and commercial can garbage and recycling rates:
 - a. **Consensus.** Continue scheduled annual increases of 4% (10/1/19), 3% (10/1/20) and 1% (10/1/21).
- 2. Recycling rate surcharge:
 - a. **Consensus.** Keep temporary surcharge in place until recycling processor contract issues are resolved.
 - b. **Consensus.** Review 23% surcharge level at least semi-annually for adjustment up or down.

3. Roll-off rates:
 - a. [Consensus](#). Recommended adding \$100 delivery and relocation fee to roll-off rates and change annual rate increases to same as #1 above. (Approved at 2/22/19 Meeting)
 - b. [Consensus](#). Change annual rate increases to the same as #1.
4. New private hauler fee, estimated at \$75,000 new revenues:
 - a. [Consensus](#). Recommended staff proceed with Private Hauler Fee. (Approved at 2/22/19 Meeting)
5. New can charge for new homes/businesses only:
 - a. [Consensus](#). Recommended \$100 cart fee for one garbage cart and \$100 cart fee for one recycling cart. (Approved at 2/22/19 Meeting)
 - b. [Consensus](#). \$100 for each additional garbage and/or recycling cart.
6. Solid waste impact fee: [Estimated revenue of \\$70,000 - \\$125,000 per year](#)
 - a. [Consensus](#). Support solid waste impact fee and recommend revisiting after impact fee study.

B. Annual Solid Waste Budgets

1. FY2020 Annual Solid Waste Budget:
 - a. [Consensus](#). Recommend adopting proposed FY2020 Solid Waste budget, to be modified for rate recommendations above and/or new information that becomes available.
2. FY2020 – 2024 Capital Improvement Program – Solid Waste Vehicles:
 - a. [Consensus](#). Recommend adoption.
3. FY2019 Solid Waste Budget:
 - a. [Consensus](#). Freeze purchase of roll-off containers temporarily to minimize deficit and utilize existing inventory.
4. FY2020 – 2021 Budget Solid Waste Personnel:
 - a. [Consensus](#). Freeze FTE's at current levels for FY2020 budget. Recommend reviewing again after full automation, expecting some efficiencies.

C. Operational Matters

1. Recycling processing and disposal contract:
 - a. [Consensus](#). Encourage Sarasota County to seek a resolution of a new recycling processor contract with the county.
2. New Solid Waste Facility:
 - a. [Consensus](#). Accelerate the acquisition of a parcel to relocate Solid Waste to east of I-75, and construction of a new facility, parking area, gas pumps, and fleet repair bays and Identify alternative parcels if County negotiations fall through.

3. Automation:
 - a. **Consensus.** Complete garbage collection automation in FY2020. Proceed to full single-stream automated recycling collection as soon as possible to eliminate requirements for dual fleets (target completion spring of 2020). Recommended (3/15/19 Meeting)
 - i. Automation will include conversion to single stream collection
 - ii. Apply for partial grant funding of cans and marketing program
 - iii. Purchase and exchange new recycling cans in FY2020, from SW reserves
 - iv. Recommended 65 gallon minimum can size
 - v. Coordinate marketing/informational program with County
4. Garbage collection frequency – can collection only:
 - a. **Voted on and passed 3 votes to 2.** After citywide automation is completed (spring of 2020), switch to once per week garbage collection for residential and commercial can customers to improve operational efficiency and realize budgetary savings.
5. Garbage/Recycling collection daily work schedule:
 - a. **Consensus.** Recommend the elimination of Saturday and holiday collections once full automation has been implemented.
 - b. **Voted on and passed 4 votes to 1.** Recommend keeping the 10 hour work day, and adjusting routes after automation to ensure the 10 hour work shift is being filled.

D. Other Considerations

1. Can collection on one side of street only:
 - a. **Consensus.** Rejected due to safety considerations, city demographics and minimal operational efficiencies achieved.
2. Pay-Per-Throw: Apply different rates based on can sizes:
 - a. **Consensus.** Rejected due to being difficult to administer and penalizes families.
 - b. **Consensus.** Charge \$100 for additional carts and \$5/per month.
3. Yard Waste Collection:
 - a. **Consensus.** Ban use of plastic bags for yard waste.
 - b. **Consensus.** Continue 2 free bulk pickups annually for yard waste per residence.
4. Keep Stakeholder Group Active:
 - a. **Consensus.** Recommend keeping group active, due to the dynamic recycling situation, City switch to Single-Stream collection and other ongoing operational changes.

4. Audience Participation.

5. The Next Meeting. No meeting schedule.

6. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

