

Minutes
City of Venice
Solid Waste and Recycling Stakeholders' Work Group
February 28, 2020

The Solid Waste and Recycling Stakeholders' Work Group met on February 28, at 1:00 PM in the Public Works Administration Conference Room.

1. Call to Order

- A. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM with the following members present, Mr. Lichtle, Mr. Pinzone, Mr. Oros, Ms. Reynolds, Mr. Pachota, Mr. Francis, and Mr. McCall. City of Venice staff present; James Clinch, Bob Moroni, and Susan Carpenter from Public Works and Linda Senne and Joe Welch from Finance.

2. Approval of Minutes

- A. No minutes for December 3, 2019 meeting were available at this meeting.

3. New Business

- B. **Financial condition review – Solid Waste & Recycling fund presented by Joe Welch.** Mr. Welch reviewed the revenues for the funds and reported the losses were not as great as anticipated. In addition, there remains money in the fleet fund to purchase replacement trucks without the need for outside financing.

C. Other topics.

- 1. Mr. Clinch reviewed the goals accomplished by the group in 2019. On October 1, 2019, the City entered into a new contract with recycling processor SSR. So far, this contract has reduced the cost of recycled material processing by \$10,000 each month.
- 2. Mr. Clinch updated the group about the possible property purchase from Sarasota County for a new solid waste facility. The county has communicated they have no land available for the city for the near future. The city will take measures to renovate where necessary the current home of solid waste and recycling, Seaboard Ave. Once the Parks, Maintenance and Administration staff have been relocated to the old police station, on Ridgewood Ave., solid waste and recycling can take

over the vacated space. Additional space will not be necessary in the short term.

3. Mr. Clinch polled the group about the charges instituted for new garbage and recycling carts. Currently, the city is charging anyone who needs a garbage cart because one is not present at the home \$100. The city has not been charging for a recycling cart. The group agreed to recommend charging \$100 for one cart, recycling or garbage and \$150 for both carts. Mr. Clinch explained this fee has to be written into our ordinance when we make other changes to it over the next several months.
4. Mr. Clinch listed the upcoming goals for the Work Group and invited Mr. Welch to the next meeting to give the group a financial analysis of how one time per week collections might change the overall fund and individual costs.

1. Impact fee for solid waste
2. Public Survey – Recycling, Level of service, collection frequency
3. Collection Frequency
4. Route changes – Discontinue Wednesday/Saturday
5. Revisit current recycling surcharge in May 2020.
6. Revisit current dumpster and roll-off rates
7. Review FY21 Budget

2. Audience Participation.

- A. There was no audience participation.

3. The Next Meeting.

- A. Scheduled to take place on April 24, 2020, at 1:00.

4. Adjournment.

- A. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.