



## Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes February 7, 2022

**Councilmembers Present:** Darren Robb, Tim Pearce, Andreena Bergman, Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, City Administrator Shawn Smith, Michelle Metzler with Waste Management

Meeting was conducted via Zoom Meeting

Call to order at 5:30 pm

### Agenda

#### 1. Selection of Committee chair

Committee member Timothy Pearce nominated Committee member Darren Robb to be Public Works Committee Chair, nomination was seconded by Committee member Andreena Bergman

#### 2. Confirm/Set committee calendar

Committee members agreed to keep the Public Works Committee meetings being the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 5:30PM. All Committee members agreed they would like to resume in person meetings at 26729 98<sup>th</sup> DR Stanwood, WA 98292.

#### 3. Review/discuss 2022 work plan

Kevin Hushagen went over each line item on the 2-year work plan (2021-2022). He explained the status and plan of each work plan item. Shawn Smith let committee members know that there will be a special meeting being held February 10, 2022, to go over the work plan in depth. Kevin Hushagen wanted to make sure all committee members understood the 6-year TIP (Transportation Improvement Plan) is coming up. Kevin opened the meeting up for questions. Committee member Darren Robb asked what the plan for TIP development is, he asked if they would be having a special meeting regarding the TIP or if the Public Works Committee would be chipping away at it. Kevin Hushagen said typically we bring it to Public Works Committee in February/March/April then in May its presented in the front of the entire council. After its presented in front of council there is a public hearing about it towards the end of May and the first week in June. After the council approves the TIP, it takes a couple weeks to get the paperwork filled with PSRC. Darren Robb would like to have the TIP added to a special meeting in May.

#### 4. WM Contract

Kevin Hushagen gave an update on the WM contract proposal. The city did have a contract that was entered into in 2012, it had a 10-year expiration date. The contract is set to expire April 2022. Last year WM was doing an audit on the contract and found out that they were inadvertently providing weekly yard waste service and have since changed it to every other week. The new contract will reflect staying with every other week per the contract. Council will be voting on the contract at the February 17, 2022 meeting. Kevin encouraged getting the contract wrapped up to help with a timeline for WM to get flyers out to the citizens regarding the changes.

Kevin Hushagen highlighted that WM stated that 10% of citizens are currently using their own garbage cans. In the new contract WM is requiring all citizens using their service must use a WM Container. The customer would be charged for the container. This is to help with L&I claims and drivers getting in and out of trucks.



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WM has proposed to implement a disabled and senior citizen discount.

The new contract reflects waste being collected every other week with a cost of 9.95/month for food yard waste. However, if the council chooses to do a weekly service the cost will increase to \$17.09/month. Kevin Hushagen stated this would be an obvious financial impact to the citizens.

Kevin Hushagen opened the meeting up for comments/questions.

Shawn Smith noted, if WM misses pickups due to weather WM will provide a container at a centralized location where citizens can bring their garbage.

Shawn Smith noted that the city did do a community wide survey and they received quite a few responses. He said most citizens wanted to stick with every other week for a cheaper price on the yard waste.

Timothy Pearce noted that complaints came to him regarding garbage not being picked up during the snow and they didn't like having to haul their own garbage to the designated dump container.

Timothy Pearce expressed he is not thrilled about citizens having to have to use a WM container because this will be an additional cost to the citizens.

Timothy Pearce asked for clarification on the annual WM contract increases. Kevin explained that besides the standard CPI increase, the other rate adjustments are listed under section 4.5 and 4.6 of the proposed WM contracts. The increases in these sections would need to be negotiated between WM and the City before they can charge citizens.

Timothy Pearce asked when a citizen who currently does not have a WM container has to start using one, will WM just bring one out or will the citizen get to pick the size they need? Michelle Metzler with WM said the customer will be delivered a container in April. This will be the same size volume size container that they are currently being charged.

Committee members want citizens to be aware that with the 6% increase in WM service, one of the new services provided is WM shall offer carry-Out Service for garbage to senior citizens and physically challenged persons.

Andreena Bergman asked for clarification on if the citizens bills will have an additional 17.95 on top of what they currently pay. Kevin Hushagen and Shawn Smith said no.

Timothy Pearce reviewed the findings from the survey that was given to citizens. Kevin Hushagen and Timothy Pearce both agree that most citizens want pickups weekly.

Darren Robb expressed he is leaning toward a weekly pick up.



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Darren expressed his concerns with people abusing the disposal of garbage when WM set up a dump container for excess garbage disposal when they were unable to pick up due to weather. It was brought to his attention that truck loads were being delivered to the overflow bin and not just the standard size containers. He also brought up the time that was allowed for the overflow drop off was not a good time due to it being a weekday and a few hrs during the day. It didn't work for a lot of peoples work schedules. Shawn Smith said WM didn't have the staff to manage the disposal, so city staff had to. He said they were not going to police the disposal.

Darren Robb is concerned about how much time it will take to get citizens WM containers that will be required to use them.

Darren Robb asked for an update on whether changes were made to the Mitigation Payment from WM for a portion of tonnage to offset heavy truck and road maintenance mitigation. Kevin Hushagen said changes have been made. When the contract was negotiated back in 2012 there was a \$15-\$17-thousand-dollar number that was put in the contract that was set to go up with CPI, its now a 1% of WM gross revenue. WM will pay this percentage to the city for a street maintenance fee.

Darren Robb asked if there were there any changes to the promotion education and outreach section of the contract. Kevin said no changes were made to this section. Shawn Smith said WM had a lot of options for customers to get notifications regarding service. Michelle Metzler said they didn't make any changes to keep the price increase to the customer lower.

Michelle Metzler said the standard procedure to deliver customers who are currently using their own cans the required WM Container will be to deliver them the same volume container that they currently use for garbage. The customer can switch to a different size can if needed. Citizens will be notified with a flyer that they will be getting a WM container.

Darren Robb asked Michelle Metzler if they have the inventory to supply the customers with the required WM containers. Michelle Metzler said WM has the available cans to implement this change. They plan to deliver the cans the second week in April.

Meeting ended at: 7:18 pm