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**SANITATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2019**

Present: Committee members Michael O'Donnell, chairman; Nick Nunnari and Dennis Sullivan.

Also present: Council President Michael Killeen; Council members Lynda Appel, Ken Brady and Mark Getsay; Director of Public Service Paul Quinn; Deputy Director of Public Service Chris Stuhm; Assistant Services Administrator Matt Heyduk; Purchasing Director Larry Surber; Jessica Fenos from Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District; and Sarah Mathews from Rumpke Waste and Recycling Services.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. to discuss rubbish collection and recycling bid options from vendors.

Mr. Quinn highlighted the proposed options for manual and automated rubbish and recycling collection. Three vendors responded to bids: Kimble, Rumpke and Republic. Sarah Mathews from Rumpke reiterated that the demand for recycling waste materials has been reduced drastically both domestically and internationally. There was no aftermarket for paper or glass and finer plastics.

During further discussion, Mr. Quinn shared the benefits of five-day-a-week collections instead of four, bulk pick-up weekly instead of monthly and stricter requirements for homeowner associations to provide dumpsters and enclosures for collections. He highlighted the cost benefits of a fully-automated solution versus automated recycling and manual rubbish collection. Having one vendor recycle and another collect rubbish was not an option based on how vendors responded to bids.

Costs for residential units were the lowest with Rumpke; however they did have higher per ton costs for recycling. With an improved residential recycling education program, costs could actually be reduced by not having the vendor sort rubbish from recycling each week. Overall, Rumpke did show a total lower cost when adding household, recycling, street sweepings and dumpster collections. As a result, Mr. Quinn recommended Rumpke with a fully-automated solution for recycling and rubbish, five days a week, with bulk pick up weekly.

Council discussed options for automated recycling now with manual rubbish pick-up or a fully-automated rubbish and recycling program for the next 5 to 8 years. Council wanted assurances that the rubbish contract would require condo associations to have dumpsters

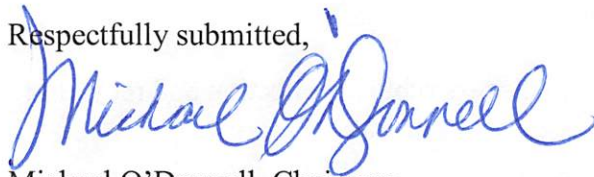
and enforcement to prevent loose garbage bags for those developments. Mr. Quinn believed that the city would have a cleaner looking presence on garbage days and residential cans and rubbish would not be blowing in the street. He stated that Rumpke would be getting new trucks, damaged carts would be replaced or repaired, and the roll-out would be planned over a two-week period. The mayor supported the fully-automated recommendation and emphasized the need for a good communication program for the residents.

Council asked that the contract include criteria for vendor non-compliance, and an option for a slower roll-out in an effort to give residents time to adapt to a new program. They also wanted assurance that carts would not be visible from the street and that the service department is prepared to handle residential concerns.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to recommend that legislation be drafted that will include: Option 4C from the presentation for “automated solid waste and recycling services Monday through Friday with weekly bulk pick-up,” and Option 6, “pricing for additional carts, and container services with costs for dumpster pulls and street sweeping disposal.” The motion was seconded by Mr. Nunnari, and the motion passed 2 to 1.

There was no further discussion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael O'Donnell, Chairman