



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: December 12, 2006
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Subject: **Outline of 180 day program to determine solid waste management options for one half of the City's dwelling units**
Recommendation: Receive and File

Previous Directives:

- November 21, 2006, public hearing held
- November 9, 2006, public hearing held
- November 3, 2006, set additional public hearing for November 21, 2006
- October 10, 2006, set public hearing for November 9, 2006
- March, 2006, Direction to extend current contract with Minneapolis Refuse, Inc. through June, 2007
- January, 2006, and March, 2006: Direction to issue RFP for collection services
- December, 2004 and December, 2005: Approval of Business Plan for Solid Waste and Recycling Services, including competitive awarding of all contracts
- August, 2001: Contract with Minneapolis Refuse, Inc. authorized for a five year term, January 1, 2002 – December 31, 2006

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Permanent Review Committee (PRC) Approval _____ Not applicable X

Policy review Group (PRG) Approval _____ Not applicable X

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- X No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- _____ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- _____ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- _____ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- _____ Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- _____ Business Plan: X Action is within the plan. ___ Action requires a change to plan.

- ___ Other financial impact (Explain):
- ___ Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

Public Hearing was required before adoption of the statutory resolution of intent, held 11/21/06

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable

City Goals: Maintain the physical infrastructure to ensure a healthy, vital and safe city

Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

The Council has asked staff to communicate the process by which it will implement its' directive to comply with Minn. Statute Section 115A, by which Minneapolis will review its Organized Collection system for solid wastes management. The Council has, in addition to the required meetings with the waste hauling community, requested that staff conduct a Minneapolis Community Engagement process in the portions of the City affected by this direction, so that affected citizens can also be fully engaged in the review of solid waste management options.

To begin the discussion of solid waste collection options in the non-city-collected portions of Minneapolis, the present goals of organized collection will be presented for discussion and comment by the Hauling Community and by Neighborhood Organizations. These goals presently include:

- The health and safety of the City will be protected through the collection and proper management of solid wastes.
- Collection services will be highly cost-effective.
- The City's reputation of outstanding Customer Service will be maintained or enhanced.
- The City's ranking as one of the Cleanest Cities in the world will be maintained or enhanced.

The schedule for the first 90 days of the process will generally proceed as follows:

At least two meetings will be held with licensed haulers in the area to provide their input to the process. It is planned that one of these meetings will be in the early afternoon in mid-January, and one in the early evening in mid-February. Additional meetings will be held as requested by haulers.

Opportunities at which community advice and comment will be sought will be requested at the monthly neighborhood meetings of the neighborhood organizations below. It is expected that initial meetings with each neighborhood organization will be held in December or January, with follow up meetings, as requested by neighborhoods, in February and March.

Near, or shortly after, the end of the first 90 days, additional meetings will be scheduled with the haulers and with community organizations to describe the information gathered in the first round of meetings, to provide preliminary findings of fact to present proposed collection plans and to obtain additional comments and recommendations on the plans. Staff will seek the agreement of the majority of the licensed haulers in the area to the proposed plans. It is expected that this second round of meetings will take at least 90 days. At the end of this second 90 day period,

staff will return to the Council with findings and recommendations developed during the entire “180 day” process.

The neighborhoods in the non-city-collected areas, which will be contacted for potential meetings, will include:

- AUDUBON PARK
- BOTTINEAU
- BRYN-MAWR
- CAMDEN
- CARAG
- CEDAR ISLES DEAN
- CLEVELAND
- COLUMBIA PARK
- DOWNTOWN WEST
- EAST HARRIET
- EAST ISLES
- ECCO
- FOLWELL
- FULLER
- FULTON
- HARRISON
- HAWTHORNE
- HOLLAND
- JORDAN
- KENWOOD
- KING FIELD
- LIND-BOHANON
- LINDEN HILLS
- LOGAN PARK
- LORING PARK
- LOWRY HILL
- LOWRY HILL EAST
- LYNDAL
- LYNHURST
- MARSHALL TERRACE
- MCKINLEY
- NEAR NORTH
- SHERIDAN
- SHINGLE CREEK
- STEVEN'S SQUARE-LORING HGTS.
- SUMNER-GLENWOOD
- VICTORY
- WAITE PARK
- WEST CALHOUN
- WHITTIER
- WILLIARD-HAY
- WINDOM PARK