AGENDA
CITY OF EL SEGUNDO
TRASH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
WEST CONFERENCE ROOM
CITY HALL – 350 Main Street
(Across the hallway from the City Manager's Office)

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TRASH SUBCOMMITTEE
Monday, July 18, 2011– 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – (Related to City Business Only – 5 minute limit per person, 30 minute limit total) *Individuals who have received value of $50 or more to communicate to the Environmental Committee and Trash Subcommittee on behalf of another, and employees speaking on behalf of their employer, must so identify themselves prior to addressing the Environmental Committee and Trash Subcommittee. Failure to do so is a misdemeanor. While all comments are welcome, the Brown Act does not allow the Environmental Committee and Trash Subcommittee to take action on any item not on the agenda. Environmental Committee and Trash Subcommittee members may respond to comments after Public Communications is closed.*

A. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the January 13, 2011 Trash Subcommittee meeting. Recommendation - Approval

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Residential Trash Collection Services Proposals –** Recommendation:(1) Discuss the four proposals received in response to the City's Request for Proposals for Residential, Multi-family and Municipal Waste Collection Services; (2) Finalize recommendations to the City Council on selecting a trash hauler and services for the new 3- or 7-year term to commence on February 1, 2012; or (3) Alternatively, discuss and take other action related to this item.

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ADJOURNMENT

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TRASH SUBCOMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2011

I. Call to order
Mayor Busch called to order the meeting of the Trash Subcommittee at 5:00 p.m. on January 13, 2010 in the City of El Segundo, Council Chambers, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California 90245.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present:

- Mayor Busch
- Councilmember Carl Jacobson
- Stephanie Katsouleas, City of El Segundo Public Works Director
- Jim Boulgarides, Resident Member
- Karl Bruskotter, Resident Member
- Jill Moeller, Resident, Member
- Lesli Kendall, Center Street School, El Segundo School District, Member (for Dickie Van Breene)

The following persons were absent:

- Eric Alegria, Resident, Member

III. Public Communications

- Mike Lewis 535 E. Mariposa: Commented on the service he has received from Consolidated, stating that he has been adversely impacted by the current service. He was dismayed that the City's waste hauling contract lacks a penalty clause for "lack of service". He offered his help writing the next contract - he has 30 years of experience writing contracts. His trash has been left uncollected five times.
- James Castro of Consolidated Disposal Service (CDS): He apologized for the problems Mike Lewis had and he is willing to add a performance clause to the contract if renewed He is here to promote the three year contract extension at the current rate.
- Dave Atkinson (resident and representative of the EL Segundo Residents Assoc): Recommended that we extend the contract even though it might not be the best contract. We should use the next three years to evaluate the service. We are the only City with these benefits and that is part of the reason he lives here.
- Loretta Fry (55 year resident on Whiting/Mariposa). She lives on a hill and expressed concern about bringing trash cans up the hill. She has never had any problem with the current trash hauler. The hauler has gotten out of the truck and helped "us old ladies." Seniors in town pay their bills and taxes, she said the large bins will not work for her as they are too big– she has a doctor's note to confirm it. The current service is commendable and she is aware of other seniors that feel the same way.
- Liz Garnholz (resident on Pine): Please take Mr. Lewis' offer of finding contract loopholes. She is happy with the current trash service. She referenced Mayor Busch telling her there had been two complaints against the company last year. Is there going to be a mechanical arm? How does that affect the carbon footprint when a large truck has to maneuver to get into a tight space. She is concerned about the trucks squeezing in the alley. Will there be "no parking" on trash day? Three barrels equals three trucks and equals gas. Currently when the trash is being collected it already blocks the traffic. On the ballot – there is wording stating *that says the current contract expires July 2011 –

that is misleading because it did not include the information that the current contract could be extended.

- John Dragone (President of ESRA): ESRA has come back to life. He considers the service from the current hauler excellent. At one time they rang the doorbell because there was no trash out. He suggested approaching the current hauler to renegotiate as times are tough. ESRA advocates in favor of the current provider. He is acting on behalf of many residents who cannot attend. Keep it status quo.
- Dave Atkinson: He would like to see if a new contract can be done with the hauler incorporating amendments.
- Mike Lewis: He would like to reiterate a new contract, not necessarily starting new but modifying something that already exists. He has time to help his City.
- Peggy Turrell: Questioned whether El Segundo had negotiated with the current hauler.
- Dorothy Radford (506 Virginia): She has a 3-4 unit dwelling and hopes to continue getting free trash collection.

IV. New Business

1. Residential Trash Collection Services: Reviewed the spreadsheet of services that are and are not currently provided. Below are the items the committee would like to see included in any new RFP.
    - Automated collection - would only be used in the areas where it "works" - include
    - Weekly manual trash collection – include
    - Weekly manual recycling – yes (currently 18 gallon containers), will people recycle more/better if we make it as easy as possible (provide the bins etc).
    - The cost of collecting doesn't matter if it is "trash" "recyclables" "green waste"
    - Manual collection is more expensive because of manual labor – automated is less expensive in the end
    - Mayor Busch addressed the question about automated is "better"' because it has wheels, new containers, safer for collection employees
    - Eliminate bulky item pick-up
    - Curbside green waste – include
    - Centralized green waste drop off – include
    - Green waste roll off service – include
    - Curbside holiday tree collection – include
    - Centralized holiday tree – include
    - Compost class – exclude
    - Household hazardous waste door to door – exclude
    - Household hazardous waste drop off – exclude
    - Street litter container collection – include
    - Street recycling container collection – include
    - Parks recycling – keep as is
    - Abandoned item – include
    - School recycling program – not provided
    - Sharps collection – exclude
    - Cubic yard bins to 3-4 unit residents – city is legally required to pick up single family residences and duplexes, 3-4 units have been getting collected for free (a gift of public funds). Exclude
    - Temporary bins for city needs

- Annual bin replacement upon request – needs to be part of automated collection (most automated bins have 8 year warranty).
- Public awareness/education – include – typical of all programs
- Non-city services – exclude
- Vehicle considerations – about 1/3 of CDS vehicles are CNG or LNG (includes both automated and manual). – exclude
- Term of contract – The longer it is, the less expensive it usually is (on a yearly basis). Have escape clauses for "failure to perform."
- Diversion goal – very typical right now is 55-75%. Currently El Segundo residential is 22%, Citywide is over 50%. If we went to the MRF it would raise the cost. MRF diversion might only be 24-40% because it may get contaminated. Green waste counts as 100% diversion. For the RFP, let the haulers report what they can achieve.

2. Should the committee recommend extending the current contract or go to bid?
    - Comparison of local municipal rates: The biggest difference is the other cities include residential and commercial whereas El Segundo does not include commercial properties. The City in the most similar place as El Segundo is Manhattan Beach, which is implementing a multi-tiered program (the more you throw, the more expensive it is).
    - Base bid includes exactly what we are currently receiving
    - Additional bids would include "add alternate" options
    - 3 year base bid, adding potential years 4-7.
    - If the City goes to bid, it loses the option to extend the current rate for 3 years.
    - All in favor of going to bid (all members except Councilmember Jacobson voted in favor – he opposed).

V. Public Communications

- Peggy Turrell: Questioned "How much will we pay for these new containers."
- Dave Atkinson: Many residents don't understand the recycling program. Who is eligible to be present at the ballot count for the Prop 218 ballot protest for trash fees? Stephanie Katsouleas responded that anyone can be present. The City Clerk will be counting the ballots as required by law. The ballot opening will begin on Wednesday as there is not enough time to open 1,800 ballots during a council meeting. A public viewing will be provided and it will potentially last up to eight hours/day. The results will be presented at the February 1, 2011 council meeting. Ballots are public record once they are opened and counted.
- Mike Robins (former City Council Member): Will the City use the barcodes on the ballots? It should be a convenient public record so someone can see if their vote was counted. The goal should be to have as much transparency as possible. Have we gone through the pros and cons of robot arms? Some cons are the cans have to go on the street and take up parking spaces. He wants the option to put out plastic bags. What happens to people's existing trash cans if they become obsolete? Concern about the cost to equip our City with new cans. Any recycling options should not drive up the cost. Are there background checks done on the employees of the haulers? – yes according to CDS
- Peggy Turrell: When will we go out to bid? She mentioned our bid will be lower because our multiple units will not be included.
- Loretta Fry: Expressed concern about the width of our streets and cars passing. She wants the contractors that are bidding on it to understand that not all properties can be serviced curbside. What are her rights as a taxpayer and property owner?
- Liz Garnholz: The clocks need to be synched.

- Linda Holt: Questioned the advantages of being automated? The noise from automated trucks.
- James Castro (Consolidated Waste Disposal): Thank you for allowing us to serve you.
- Dorothy Radford: The recyclables she puts out are gone within 24 hours because other people remove them.
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VI. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m. A determination has not been made as to if/when the trash subcommittee will meet again.

Minutes submitted by: Jill Moeller