

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SERVICES
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
Pine Conference Room
December 1, 2011**

A meeting of the **Subcommittee on Public Services** for the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened by Chairman Ron Aames in open and public session at 8401 West Monroe, Peoria, Arizona, on December 1, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Councilmember Ron Aames, Councilmember Dave Pearson, and Councilmember Carlo Leone

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Carl Swenson, City Manager; Susan Thorpe, Deputy City Manager; Bill Mattingly, Public Works Director; Maher Hazine, Deputy Public Works Director; Rhonda Humbles, Solid Waste Manager; Brenda Urias, Executive Assistant; Steve Burg, Chief Assistant City Attorney; and Terri Smith, City Council Assistant.

Audience: Approximately ten (including staff)

NOTE: The order in which items appear in the minutes is not necessarily the order in which they were discussed in the meeting.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Pearson, seconded by Councilmember Leone to approve the consent agenda, and upon vote the motion carried unanimously 3 to 0.

REGULAR AGENDA

2R RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE SERVICES

Staff briefly outlined existing Residential Solid Waste Service fees, and reviewed interests from the October 28 Council Workshop regarding the implementation of modified solid waste services.

Staff recommended a reduction in the residential solid waste fee, and maintenance of existing services to residences. The staff recommended 13% reduction in fee, with no change to existing services, which would reduce the rate from \$15.06 to \$13.10 per month.

Staff also provided an alternative 10% rate reduction, which would make available

\$300,000 for modified residential solid waste services. The 10% rate reduction would reduce the current \$15.06 monthly fee to \$13.55.

Peoria's landfill and recycling agreements are pending renewal. Staff reported that multiple landfill and recycling centers have offered to take Peoria collections.

The following modified residential solid waste services were discussed:

- Bulk Trash Pickup
- Hazard Household Waste
- Green Waste Program
- Same Day Recycling and Trash Collection

Peoria resident Denette Dunn, of the Suncliff subdivision, commented about bulk pick up services. She said she and many other residents don't like setting their bulk out on the curb waiting for pick up because it's a safety risk. She asked that the city consider providing a once a year free pass to residents allowing for a no cost load to be accepted at the landfill under contract to Peoria. She asked that when staff renews landfill and recycling agreements, Peoria demand the pass through of rebates received by the landfill contractor when earned by the commodities collected. Deputy Public Works Director Maher Hazine responded that Peoria's current landfill agreement provides a fixed rate which mitigates downside risks.

Councilmember Pearson moved and Councilmember Leone seconded a motion to recommend a residential solid waste fee reduction of 13%. The motion passed 3 to 0.

3R FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS & NEXT MEETING DATE

Ms. Thorpe reported that a staff submitted item on Commercial Waste Service is prepared to come before the subcommittee. It was agreed that this would come to the subcommittee at a meeting on December 15.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council Subcommittee, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Ron Ames, Chairperson

Terri Smith, City Council Assistant