



Organized Collections Options Committee (OCOC)

Minutes of the Third Meeting as held on March 2, 2015

The third meeting of the Organized Collections Option Committee (OCOC) was held on March 2, 2015 in the Haeg Conference Room at the Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road. Meeting was brought to order at 5:00 p.m.

Introductions & Welcome:

All members were in attendance: Mayor Gene Winstead, Councilmember Jack Baloga, Councilmember Dwayne Lowman, Karl Keel and Jim Gates from Bloomington staff. Also in attendance were Jamie Verbrugge, City Manager; and Jennefer Klennert and Dan Krivit from Foth.

Welcome:

Karl Keel, Chair, welcomed those in the audience as well as the OCOC members.

Review and approval of minutes of second OCOC meeting as held on February 23, 2015:

The minutes of the second OCOC meeting held on February 23, 2015 were approved by consensus for posting to the City's Organized Collection webpage.

Review and approval of revised OCOC and RFP schedule:

The updated OCOC and RFP schedule was reviewed. All OCOC meeting times are being updated to 5pm start time. The schedule was approved for posting via consensus. .

Review and discuss options for organics collection:

Options for organics collection were presented and described to the OCOC: Organics collection along, Organics collection with yard waste, Organics collection next to recyclables, and Organics collection with trash. Resources were made available for each of the alternatives. City staff has had meetings with Hennepin County staff regarding the County's direction on organics. Further details on Organics collection will be brought back at a future meeting.

Update and summary on any new Hauler proposals:

No additional Hauler proposals have been provided to the City's Negotiating Team. The proposal dated February 5 will be considered at the City Council meeting on February 23, 2015.

Review and discuss organized collection options:

Billing Methods

Billing methods were discussed for an RFP. Two options were provided: Direct billing by contract hauler(s) or Billing through City utility bills. Discussion was also held on the amount of customer service to be provided by contract hauler(s), the city, or a combination of the two methods. The OCOC requested additional information on different cities using each method and the costs of each including one time and ongoing costs. The OCOC also requested additional information on the cost

and administrative resources needed for the City of Bloomington to provide the billing service. This topic will be brought at a future meeting.

Service Complaints

Discussion was held on how service complaints could be dealt with. Remedies that will be a part of the final contract were presented.

Public Education

Discussion was held on public education from the Contractor(s) and the City. The City will provide overall direction, but the Contractor(s) will provide education in partnership with the City. Consistent information must be provided to residents as part of the organized collection program.

Pricing Worksheet

A sample pricing worksheet was distributed to the OCOC. The details on the pricing worksheet are still being finalized as the OCOC continues to work on the RFP. Organics service was requested to be added to the price worksheet.

Variable Rate Pricing

The concept of variable rate pricing was introduced to the OCOC. Variable rate pricing involves increased rates for trash cart sizes in compliance with MN Statute 115a.9301. There was consensus from the OCOC that ability to do variable rate pricing will be retained as an option in the RFP and contract, but implementation will be delayed until year three or later.

Recyclables Revenue Sharing

Recyclables revenue sharing was introduced as a concept to the OCOC. The consensus of the OCOC was that additional information needs to be provided on what the impact of commodity markets may have on overall cost. Consensus was that a lower overall rate was preferred over revenue sharing.

Review and discuss recent public comments:

Public comments including e-mails, phone calls, and letters received by City staff was added to the public record of the OCOC.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 by consensus of the OCOC.