

CITY OF ALBANY  
CITY COUNCILWORK SESSION  
Municipal Court Room  
Monday, September 26, 2016  
4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sharon Konopa called the meeting to order at 4:00p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilors present: Councilors Bill Coburn, Bessie Johnson, Rich Kellum, Ray Kopczynski, and Dick Olsen

Councilors absent: Floyd Collins (excused)

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

ALLIED WASTE 2017 RATE ADJUSTMENT

Republic Services Municipal Relations Manager Julie Jackson and Division Manager Kevin Hines presented information regarding the company's proposed 2017 rate adjustment. Council was asked to approve an increase based on the Consumer Price Index, fuel pricing and disposal cost, calculated at 0.3 percent or an average of six cents per residential account per month.

Jackson and Hines reviewed proposed changes to the rate tables, intended to bring continuity across the company, most of which are title changes or consolidation of items. The cart replacement fee is intended for cases of negligence or unrecoverable carts; however, if a cart sustains minor damage or is damaged by the company, it is generally replaced free of charge. The cart redelivery fee is charged to new customers and cases where redelivery is required. The return trip free is charged when a customer had forgotten to put their cart out for pickup and requests a return trip.

Councilor Rich Kellum suggested that references to the brand name Freon be changed to refrigerant.

Jackson said a recent survey showed that 54 percent of customers who responded would be willing to pay \$3.00 more per month to increase yard debris collection from biweekly to weekly and include food scraps in what can go into the cart. The company has had multiple customer requests for this service and would like to move forward with it in 2017.

In discussion, Jackson said that food scraps cannot currently go into yard debris carts that are not collected weekly due to concerns about odor and pest control. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has set a goal to increase organic material recovery by 25 percent by 2020, and this would help to achieve that goal.

Kellum said that when a city takes action on something the state has said it will do in the future, the city is sometimes held to a higher standard later, an example being salmon protection efforts. Jackson said she sat on the rule-making committee at DEQ and the goal is 25 percent increase in organic material recovery by 2020 based on a starting point of January 2016. These are lofty goals at this point; however, cities and counties are supposed to be increasing recovery.

Councilor Bill Coburn asked for more specifics about the number of people who answered the survey. Jackson said that 8,000 invitations to participate were sent out and 1,000 replies were received. Of those who replied, 54 percent said they would pay \$3 more for weekly service.

Chief Information Officer/Assistant City Manager Jorge Salinas referred to Attachment A, noting that the numbers presented add up to 0.2 percent and that the company's result of 0.3 percent was likely due to rounding. Jackson affirmed that is correct.

Salinas referred to Attachment B, Rate Modification and Rate Adjustment Statement, noting that the weighted index numbers add up to 109 percent. Jackson said that appears to be an error and she will look into it.

Coburn asked whether adding food waste to yard debris which is ground up for mulch has any impact on the ultimate use of that product. Jackson said that it doesn't. She added that the company is permitted by the DEQ to accept all food waste and that weekly pickup is also helpful in keeping leaves out of the storm drains.

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Konopa said that adding food waste to yard debris carts may allow some people to reduce their cart size and save money. She would like to see the request approved.

Kellum expressed concern that a relatively small percentage of customers said they want this service but all customers would be charged. Jackson said that the program was rolled out in Lebanon about 1.5 years ago and that there haven't really been any complaints.

There was general agreement to have this come back to a regular Council meeting for action.

#### PARKWISE FEES

Transportation Systems Analyst Ron Irish and Albany Downtown Association Executive Director Peggy Burris were present to discuss parking fees imbedded in the development code that are charged by Parkwise. Irish recalled that Council discussed the potential of raising fees for parking violations and requested additional information at a previous work session. He distributed and reviewed information outlining the total parking income broken out by leased spaces, employee permits, residential permits, special permits, and citations collected (see agenda file). Brief discussion followed.

In response to a question from Council, Burris said that she met with the City Attorney and Police Chief and there will be an effort to contact high-ticketed offenders who have not paid.

MOTION: Councilor Ray Kopczynski moved to have the proposed fee increases come to a regular Council meeting for action. Kellum seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

#### BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL

Konopa said that the Cascades West Council of Governments Economic Development District met in Newport on Thursday, September 22, and that Albany Chamber of Commerce President Janet Steele gave a presentation on the workforce development program called the Pipeline Project, which was very well received. Steele offered to give an update on the Pipeline Program to the City Council at some time in the future.

#### CITY MANAGER REPORT

None.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Teresa Nix  
Recorder

Jorge Salinas  
Chief Information Officer /Assistant City Manager