

MINUTES
Troutdale City Council – Work Session
Troutdale City Hall – Council Chambers
104 SE Kibling Avenue
Troutdale, OR 97060-2099

Tuesday, January 10, 2006

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE
--

Mayor Thalhofer called the meeting to order at 9:30pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Thalhofer, Councilor Gorsek, Councilor Ripma, Councilor Thomas, Councilor Canfield, Councilor Kyle, and Councilor Daoust.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: John Anderson, City Administrator; Rich Faith, Community Development Director; Marnie Allen, City Attorney; Debbie Stickney, City Recorder; and Jack Hanna, Code Enforcement Officer.

GUESTS: See Attached.

3. INFORMATION: Expanded service from Waste Management to provide roll carts for recyclables.
--

Jack Hanna, Code Enforcement Officer stated this is follow-up to a Council project that started back in September 2004. Council met with Waste Management and discussed recyclables being a major cause of wind blown trash in the neighborhoods. At that time Waste Management suggested doing a study on the possibility of using roll out carts for recyclables. The plan was to send a survey out to certain neighborhoods and ask them if they would use roll carts for recyclables. According to Waste Management about 60% or more of the residents already use the roll carts for their garbage collection. My thought was that since 60% of the folks in the City already know what the roll carts are and how they work I didn't see any reason to send out a survey. In most cases if you send out 500 surveys you get about 10% back. How would we decide which neighborhoods to send the survey to? So instead Rich and I took this issue to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and asked them how to approach this. One of the questions that the CAC had was would it be mandatory to go to the roll cart for recyclables or would it be a voluntary program like the trash can. The people who are using the roll carts for their trash are paying \$1.50 or \$1.55 additional charge for the roll cart. If we make the roll carts mandatory for recyclables there would be an increase in the fee of \$1.50 or \$1.55. If we make it voluntary, my assumption is that the people that are using the roll carts for trash will probably make the switch and use the roll

carts for their recyclables. We need Council's direction on the following: Do you want to try roll carts for recyclables? If so, should it be a mandatory or voluntary program?

Councilor Ripma asked so in addition to the garbage can or roll cart there would be another roll cart for recyclables?

Jack Hanna replied yes.

Councilor Ripma asked so at the same time are you asking if we should require roll carts for garbage for the entire city?

Jack Hanna replied no.

Councilor Ripma stated so we might have 40% of the folks not having a roll cart for their garbage but they could be required to have a roll cart for recyclables?

Jack Hanna stated the project that was brought to us by the City Council in September 2004 was to do a recyclable roll cart study. Council could direct staff to make a standardized cart for the City of Troutdale for both services.

Councilor Ripma stated I remember us discussing this but I didn't realize that the question about roll carts was only for recyclables, I actually thought it covered both. I think one reason people don't have roll carts for their garbage is they don't have a place to put it, they are kind of bulky. I wonder if that is an issue?

Jack Hanna stated there are three sizes for garbage.

John Anderson, City Administrator stated the small one is equal in size to a regular 35-gallon garbage can that you buy at the store.

Linda Pixley-Spink, Waste Management representative, stated there is a 35-gallon, 64-gallon and a 96-gallon.

Councilor Ripma stated the only hesitation that I have is that storing the roll carts in a small garage can be difficult. If we require this it would force everyone in Troutdale to have one and pay for it, I think we need to think about that.

Jack Hanna stated if we make the roll carts mandatory for recyclables then they could have two roll carts.

Councilor Daoust stated or three with yard debris.

Councilor Thomas asked do we require everyone to recycle right now?

Jack Hanna replied no.

Councilor Thomas stated so if we were to make this mandatory we would be saying that everyone who gets garbage service would have to pay an additional \$1.55 a month for a can that they would never use.

Councilor Gorsek stated can't you say those who use the current recycling service would have to use the roll cart instead of the curby.

Jack Hanna stated the direction we are looking for is if they are going to recycle do we make the roll carts a voluntary program or are we going to make the roll carts mandatory.

Mayor Thalhoffer stated I have learned to deal with my garbage cans in the wind. I tie them up and I put my name on the lid and can in case they do blow away. To have a requirement by the City of Troutdale to have roll carts for garbage, recyclables and yard debris, I am not sure that I would like that if I were a citizen. I don't want to impose these regulations and additional fees on our citizens. However, I would be in favor of a volunteer program.

Councilor Gorsek stated Mayor, you are a good citizen but I live down the street and down wind from a lot of people who are less than good citizens and those are the people who are going to continue to have their trash end up in my front yard. I disagree with having it voluntary. I think if you are going to recycle the roll cart should be mandatory.

Mayor Thalhoffer asked if we have to have the roll cart for recyclables, can we still have a regular can for the garbage?

Jack Hanna replied that option is there now. You can have a regular can or you can get a roll cart for garbage. If you make this a volunteer program you will have the same option with recyclables.

Councilor Canfield stated so the options that we are looking at is voluntary or mandatory and if it is mandatory it would require a change to the franchise, is that correct?

Jack Hanna replied it would require a change either way for the additional service and the new fee.

Marnie Allen, City Attorney stated it would not require a change to the franchise agreement. Our ordinance specifically says that the Council adopts a resolution setting the rate for fees and charges. We would just need to update the fees and charges.

Councilor Canfield stated those cans are big. We have the 32-gallon can for garbage and the 60-gallon can for yard debris. To add an additional roll cart for recycling would take up a lot of space to store them. I don't think it should be mandatory. I think we should try it as a voluntary program and see how it goes.

Councilor Kyle asked has Waste Management already solicited the Troutdale customers for this service?

Linda Pixley-Spink replied no.

Councilor Kyle asked how often do we renegotiate the franchise agreement?

Jack Hanna replied every eight years.

Councilor Kyle asked when will we be renegotiating with Waste Management?

John Anderson replied in two years.

Councilor Kyle stated I am thinking of offering this service as a voluntary program and when we renegotiate the franchise in two years we can discuss making the program mandatory.

Councilor Daoust stated I think it should be a voluntary program. In my neighborhood the recycling trucks comes last so the curbs are sitting in the east wind all day. Do the recycling trucks have the mechanical equipment to pick up the roll carts?

Male stated we have more than one type of truck. Some of them are the older generation. When recycling first started the trucks required a multiple sort capability. Later years when transfer stations started doing the sort then you could single stream the recycling and we started going with the trucks with the mechanical tipper on the side. We are phasing out the older trucks.

Councilor Gorsek stated the street that I live on is a magnet for collecting all of this garbage. Jack, you say that you receive complaints on this, are you able to go back against neighbors who chronically do this?

Jack Hanna replied no.

Councilor Gorsek stated the City Council's action is to leave those of us who are the victims of this in a very frustrating situation. I think this should be mandatory.

Councilor Thomas asked if we go with the roll cart, what happens when the material doesn't fit in the can? Can it still be put out?

Linda Pixley-Spink stated the roll cart that we will be rolling out for recyclables will be a 64-gallon roll cart. That is the standard size for recyclables.

Council decided to allow Waste Management to offer the roll carts for recycling at an additional cost of \$1.50 per month as a volunteer program.

Council will revisit this issue when they begin renegotiating the franchise agreement.

Waste Management will draft a letter for the City to review and approve that would be sent to all Troutdale residents notifying them of the new service available and the rate of the service.

Council asked Waste Management to look into the option of allowing a 32-gallon recycling roll cart as opposed to requiring the 64-gallon roll cart.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Councilor Ripma moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Gorsek.
Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:16pm.

Paul Thalhofer, Mayor

Approved April 11, 2006

ATTEST:

Debbie Stickney, City Recorder