



**City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS**

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TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Greg Hooper, Council President
DATE: October 10, 2008
SUBJECT: Solid Waste Committee Report

Shortly after the November 2007 election, City Council conducted a team building session with Mayor Barnett and the Department Heads of the City. During this session, the Number 2 ranked priority item was the concept of a Single Trash Hauler. This topic has been discussed and debated numerous times over the years but this year a decision was reached to seek competitive proposals and return a recommendation to Council for deliberation and possible decision.

There was no disagreement on the potential goals of a Single Trash Hauler Program:

- Lower cost to virtually all single-family homes by leveraging the Cities buying power.
- Improved safety of our streets by having one hauler on one day versus the current system of multiple haulers on multiple days.
- Reduced wear and tear on our roads, which extends the life of our residential streets.
- Enhanced city wide recycling program that would provide positive environmental conservation.

To recap the discussions held to date for this year, we have the following synopsis:

1/25/2008 City Council Team Building Session at Oakland University

2/11/2008 Review results of Team Building, Discuss Ranking of Single Trash Hauler

2/25/2008 Discussed obtaining data from other communities to evaluate options for assembly of an RFP

4/28/2008 Reviewed data from surrounding communities and decided to seek an RFP for the Solid Waste with many alternatives and options

6/12/2008 RFP issued by the City for Solid Waste Program

6/23/2008 Pre-proposal meeting with potential bidders on RFP

7/15/2008 Six (6) Bids received from RFP for Solid Waste

7/31/2008 Committee reviewed results of the proposals

- 8/08/2008 Survey sent to Council members to refine scope of supplemental proposal request.
- 8/19/2008 Committee finalized supplemental proposal language.
- 8/29/2008 Six (6) Bids were received from Supplemental Request
- 9/02/2008 Committee reviewed results and set up interviews with shortlisted vendors
- 9/08/2008 Interview Vendors
- 9/12/2008 Interview Vendors
- 9/15/2008 Interview Vendors
- 9/15/2008 Shortlisted to four (4) vendors and requested Best and Final Offer
- 9/24/2008 Best and Final Offer received
- 9/29/2008 Reviewed Best and Final Offers and selected finalist for negotiation
- 10/03/2008 Negotiate with Allied and Recycle Bank
- 10/08/2008 Finalize Negotiation and Recommend Award
- 10/20/2008 Public Hearing on Solid Waste Proposal

The Committee formed at the request of the administration consisted of Council Member Vern Pixley, Council President Greg Hooper, Mayor Barnett, Jean Farris - Supervisor of Procurement, Scott Cope – Building Director, Bob White - Supervisor of Ordinance Services, and Consultant Jim Frey from Resource Recycling Systems.

I am pleased to report that the committee has reached the following recommendation for consideration and possible action by Council.

- Selected Hauler: Allied Waste
- First Year Cost: \$15.38 per Month (Trash, Recycling and Yard Waste)
- Billing Method: Invoice by Hauler to Resident
- Length of Contract: Five (5) Years with Five Year City Option to renew.
- What is Collected: Solid Waste (Unlimited - Weekly), Recycling (Single Stream - Weekly), and Yard Waste (April 1 to November 30 - Weekly).
- Large or Bulk Items: Will be picked up once a month.
- Carts for Solid Waste: 95 Gallon provided, but amount is unlimited so residents can place additional carts out and/or purchase another 95-gallon cart from Allied.
- Carts for Recycling: 65 Gallon provided.
- Who is in: All Single Family and Duplex Residential Homes.
- Collection Cycle: Monday thru Thursday with Friday the makeup for Holidays NO TRASH out in our streets on weekends.
- Senior Discount? Yes, 5% for age 65
- Pre pay Annual Discount? Yes, 5%

Pay online Discount?	Yes, 3%
Are Discounts Cumulative?	Yes, 13% if you qualify and apply all three.
Service Suspension?	Yes, flat \$20 credit annually (regardless of length)
Complaints?	Handled by Allied directly
Notify of Pickup Change?	Automated call to resident to remind of Holiday delay
Delinquent Payments?	City agrees to lien property

An additional major component of this proposal is the inclusion of “Recycle Bank”. This program does not currently exist in Michigan and if Council decided to proceed, we would be on the cutting edge and lead the State with potential enormous environmental and financial benefits. How it works is that each recycle cart has an ID that is scanned when its contents are placed in the recycle truck. The truck is weighed at the end of its route and that weight determines Recycle Bank points for each resident who recycles. The points are redeemed at local and national retailers for purchases of your choice. **In other words you will get paid to recycle.**

This recommendation is presented in a publicly noticed Public Hearing to gain valuable feedback from our residents to determine what the next step, if any should be taken by City Council.