

CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS

Building
Department

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TO: Mayor Pro Tem Rosen
& City Council

RE: Summary of Solid Waste
Single Hauler Issue

This memo is intended to provide City Council with a brief overview and history of the Solid Waste Single Hauler issue.

- 5/27/99 The CDV Committee discussed the problem of commingling compost and recycling materials with regular trash. This discussion generated a comment that the city needs to investigate a single hauler for solid waste.
- 7/28/99 A presentation was provided to City Council regarding the single hauler issue by Resource Recycling Services, Inc., Jim Frey, and the manager of Ordinance Services. City Council decided the issue should be researched further and turned this task over to the CDV Committee.
- 6/8/00 The CDV Committee reviewed the experience and background of a number of citizens interested in participating in a Citizens' Ad Hoc Solid Waste Committee. Based on this review, eleven citizens were appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee.
- 6/26/00 The first meeting of the Citizens' Ad Hoc Solid Waste Committee was held.
- 2/22/01 The Citizens' Ad Hoc Committee presented its final report on the single hauler issue to CDV. There were a number of options presented with differing opinions on which option would be the best for the city.
- 8/6/01 thru
10/24/01 Resource Recycling Services, Inc. was hired as a solid waste consultant to review the Ad Hoc Committee's findings and work with the committee to gain a consensus on what option or blend of options should be brought forward as a recommendation. A final recommendation was presented to CDV indicating that the city should pursue the development of a single hauler solid waste program.
- 2/6/02 The single hauler waste recommendation was presented to City Council. City Council asked the administration to identify real cost and potential funding methods for our city.

5/14/02 thru

3/25/03

The Mayor approved a nine-month contract with the solid waste consultant, Resource Recycling Services, Inc. (RRSI), and formed an administrative solid waste committee to identify the actual costs and potential funding methods for a single hauler solid waste program. This committee worked with the solid waste consultant to develop Requests for Proposals (RFP) for solid waste, recycling and yard waste, evaluate bids, select potential vendors and develop a final presentation for the CDV Committee.

3/27/03

The City Administration's Solid Waste Committee and RRSI made a presentation to CDV detailing the RFP and selection process, level of service to be provided, funding options, potential savings to residents and a list of recommendations. CDV accepted the presentation and asked that it be brought to City Council.

5/14/03

The City's Solid Waste Committee and RRSI made a presentation to City Council identifying real cost and potential funding methods along with a recommendation to move forward with a single hauler system. City Council members asked that the presentation be separated into two sections "Services Provided" and "Funding Methods." They also requested that separate presentations be provided on each of these areas at future City Council meetings.

8/13/03

The service portion of the proposed single hauler program was presented and discussed with City Council at a work session.

1/28/04

The funding methods for the program were presented and discussed with City Council at a work session. Direction was given by City Council to pursue the billing option and develop a per-household cost for the proposed solid waste service.

7/21/04

A final presentation was provided to City Council for their consideration and possible resolution to move forward with a single hauler solid waste program. This presentation included 3 billing options, a final housing count, and the resident's cost per year for each of the options. City Council chose not to move forward with a single hauler solid waste program.