



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
Telephonic/Video Conference
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

The Beverly Hills City Council / Public Works Commission Liaison Committee

SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday, December 2, 2020
2:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: December 2, 2020/ 2:01 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Vice Chair Wunderlich, Councilmember Gold M.D., Assistant City Manager Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Director of Public Works Shana Epstein, Solid Waste Manager Colonel Burnley, Senior Management Analyst Melissa Gomez, Public Works Commission Chair Joshua Greer, Public Works Commission Vice Chair Charles Alpert, Executive Assistant Ilene Knebel.

H F & H Consultant April Hamud

1) Public Comment

Members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.

Speakers: None.

2) Proposed Five Year Phase in Rate Increase for the Solid Waste Fees

Public Works Director, Shana Epstein presented the three scenarios for the Solid Waste Fees:

- Alternative Rate Scenario 1: Delay proposed scenario by 6 months;
- Alternative Rate Scenario 2: Decrease existing rates by 5%;
- Alternative Rate Scenario 3: No rate increases for 5 years.

In addition to the three scenarios, staff presented an alternative for multi-family properties serviced by curbside 1x a week. The alternative would be an administrative change to apply the square footage of the building and lot size x single-family rate. A Pandemic Relief Fund was also presented to address the economic challenges for residents.

There was a discussion regarding the 3 scenarios and how these would affect multifamily, commercial and single-family clients. Questions were posed about how Public Works would select who qualifies for the Pandemic Relief Fund.

There were comments on the rate reassessment and how it can give cost savings for multifamily customers.

A subsidy program was proposed by a member of the City Council that would be applied across the entire multi-family account base, instead of modeling a qualifier as the rent stabilization program.

City Council would like two options on how to continue the Solid Waste Rates for commercial and multifamily clients. This will be a discussion between abatement vs. deferral of the Solid Waste rate increase. The two options would be:

1. Move forward as the current operation is with a subsidy to provide relief.
2. Move forward to pushing the date out to January instead of December.

Once numbers are refined, City Council would like to be notified if the estimated number is different/greater than \$750,000.00 which Public Works presented in the initial proposal.

3) ADJOURNMENT

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