



Agenda
City Council Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, August 28, 2018
City Hall Council Chamber | 505 Swift Boulevard

City Council Workshop - 6:00 p.m. (City Hall Council Chamber)

Agenda Items:

- I. 2018 Financial Report (15 minutes)
 - Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director
2. Solid Waste Rates Update (20 Minutes)
 - Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
3. Columbia River Shoreline Reconveyance (20 minutes)
 - Joe Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Director
4. Correspondence Update (10 minutes)
 - Cindy Reents, City Manager

Adjournment

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COUNCIL WORKSHOP COVERSHEET

Council Date: 08/28/2018

Department: Administrative Services

Key Element: Key I - Financial Stability & Operational Effectiveness

Subject:

2018 Financial Report (15 minutes)

Summary:

The City's fiscal health for 2018 will be presented. The information will include comparisons of revenue and expenditure figures that were budgeted versus the actual results.

Attachments:



COUNCIL WORKSHOP COVERSHEET

Council Date: 08/28/2018

Department: Public Works

Key Element: Core Focus Area I - Promote Financial Stability & Operational Effectiveness

Subject:

Solid Waste Rates Update (20 Minutes)

Summary:

Staff is seeking Council's direction on the Solid Waste Utility's response to rising costs of recyclable material processing.

The City contracts for the processing and marketing of recycled materials. The costs of this processing have increased since 2017. The financial position of the Solid Waste Utility has been strong and did not warrant a rate increase for 2018, thus no action was taken to address recycling program costs.

Staff has completed an analysis of the Utility's financial position and determined that it remains strong, meaning a general rate increase can be deferred until 2020. Costs associated with the landfill expansion will drive a rate increase in 2020. The price of processing recyclable material continues to rise. In particular the price of processing comingled material, the material collected through the curbside residential program, has risen dramatically. In recent months, the processing costs have exceeded \$150 per ton. The City's cost to landfill material is presently approximately \$30 per ton and will rise to approximately \$50 per ton in the expanded landfill.

Staff used the 2017 rate model to evaluate the impact of material processing cost increases on the curbside recycling rate. The analysis indicated that the cost of service is now approaching \$7.50 per month while the present rate is \$5.70. Since the current rate revenue does not cover the program costs, other revenues in the Solid Waste Utility are presently subsidizing the curbside recycling program.

On July 10 staff sought the Utility Advisory Committee's (UAC) recommendation regarding the service costs of recycling. The UAC did not make a formal recommendation to Council, but indicated its preference for implementing a recycling program rate increase in 2019 even though no general rate increase is needed in 2019.

Staff is seeking Council direction on recycling program rates.

Attachments:



COUNCIL WORKSHOP COVERSHEET

Council Date: 08/28/2018

Department: City Manager

Key Element:

Subject:

Columbia River Shoreline Reconveyance (20 minutes)

Summary:

Staff will provide a briefing to Council regarding TRIDEC's proposal to reconvey portions of lands owned by the US Corps of Engineers to Richland and other area local governments.

Attachments:



COUNCIL WORKSHOP COVERSHEET

Council Date: 08/28/2018

Department: City Attorney

Key Element:

Subject:

Correspondence Update (10 minutes)

Summary:

City Manager Reents will update Council on several topics.

Attachments: