

1. Just say No to the Staff proposed contracts and rate ordinance revisions proposed in the City Council's 7/1/14 Agenda Items 15 and 16; and
2. Throw out the related RFP process and responses; and
3. Immediately end the overcharge of Republic's ongoing unauthorized fees and taxes to commercial customers; and
4. Direct City staff to negotiate a six month extension of the existing contract with Republic, or, in the alternative and as a fallback position, to negotiate with TDS for a six month waste collection service contract at the same prices paid currently to Republic for residential collection and set by Ordinance for rates for commercial customers, during the RFP process; and
5. Permanently remove Commercial waste collection services from the exclusive contract (currently being negotiated with Republic), and to allow for an open and competitive non-exclusive franchise market to provide businesses the option of contracting with the service provider of their choice, at open market competitive rates;
6. The City should hire an independent third party auditor to determine the extent of overcharging that has taken place by Republic in all rates regulated under the current and prior contracts over the past 20 years; to publicly disclose the audit findings; and to take every action necessary under the current contract to compel Republic to refund 100% of the charges, with interest, not authorized by City ordinance to each business that has been charged more than is allowed, prior to any new contract approval between Republic and the City, beyond a month to month necessary extension of the existing contract to allow time for the refunds to be determined and completed.
7. Initiate a new Request For Proposal process to acknowledge and allow open market competition for non-exempt Commercial waste collections services, to allow Republic to continue to operate the City controlled existing City landfill until its capacity is consumed, and to include proposal opportunities for the permitting and operation of a new modern landfill for use after the existing landfill's remaining capacity is consumed, and for collection and disposal of residential solid waste in the existing landfill and the responsible collection, processing and marketing of residential single stream recyclables.
8. Allow at least a two week public review period of posted finally negotiated contracts and rate ordinance revisions, prior to the City Council voting on long term solid waste services contracts.