



## **Minneapolis Solid Waste and Recycling (115A Meeting Notes)**

**4pm November 13, 2012**

**North Commons Park**

### **1. Introductions**

**2. Council Direction** – October 9<sup>th</sup> was the 115A public hearing. No comments were made at that time.

### **3. Definition of 115A Process –**

- The process started October 9<sup>th</sup> 2012. Mid-Point January 6, 2013. End of 180 days – April 6, 2013.
- A portion of MN State Statute 115A.94 was read aloud - 180 days before implementing a new request for proposals the City must publicly acknowledge its “Intent to Organize Collection.”
- First 90 Days is a planning phase. Not having all organizations present doesn’t mean that it invalidates the process. All waste haulers are encouraged to make comments.
- The Department of Public Works generally recommends that the City goes through a competitive proposal process for contracts, including collection of waste in ½ of the City. This is because we are trying to ensure the most cost-effective delivery of services. The city is not thinking about changing the hauler in the ½ of the city that is collected by city forces. However, the purpose of this meeting is to hear comments about how the city should organize collection prior to making a decision.
- One goal is to utilize the most environmentally conscious process for collection. There is a Labor Peace policy decision that will be made by the City Council. The Permanent Review Committee (PRC) will review the proposed contract against the City’s Labor Peace policy and make a recommendation to the City Council about whether or not Labor Peace will be a requirement.
- We will email a copy of the City’s Labor Peace policy with the notes to the group.
- The last RFP the City issued for waste collection included four separate geographic areas.
- Staff’s current recommendation is that the city have single hauler collect garbage, recyclables and yard waste for the portion of the City that is currently served by a contract hauler. We are seeking comments on this plan.
- Collection of Recyclables is changing from Multi-Sort to One-Sort. We will be using rear loaders with lifts.
- Sometime during or after the 180 days process is complete, the PRC will review the Labor Peace policy and make a recommendation to the City Council.

#### **4. Comments from Attendees –**

-A recommendation was made to have the City Attorney attend a meeting with the haulers to discuss Labor Peace.

-Should Labor Peace be discussed now, to determine who will put in a proposal?

-Recommendation from Teamsters Local 120 to include Labor Peace as a requirement in the new contract.

-Recycling for every other week makes it difficult for routing. There is an efficiency factor when you divide the city into four geographic areas.

-What about Organics? Would this be mixed with yard waste?

Yes we'd like to work it into our existing program. The City wants the most efficient and economical program.

This depends on the new composting rules. If we get another container it will be combined compost and yard waste. Council has asked for research and to come back with a report in April of 2013.

-How do you bid on the sections?

The last time the city issued RFP contractors could propose on 1, 2, 3 or all 4 geographic areas. The city reserved the right to select any combination of proposals that served the city best. Each area was a different size. We can provide a copy of the old RFP. A new RFP may not include the same geographic areas. The city has a goal of promoting small and underutilized businesses. That's why we have different size areas which allow smaller companies to bid.

-How long will the contract be?

A maximum of five years. Typically 3 +1+1.

-Will there be a new RFP going out?

We are not sure yet. We have to go through the 115A process via state law before making that decision.

-Will the City determine the destination where the waste will go?

Yes, the plan is that the contract will be for collection only and that the city will specify where the waste will go, but we are open to alternative suggestions. Garbage will go to HERC. Recyclables or yard waste could be considered for a change.

#### **5. Brief Recap**

-Please share your plans, proposals and ideas for potential organized collection.

#### **6. Next Steps:**

-December 28, 2012 at 4:00pm will be the deadline to make comments. This is ten days before the end of the first 90 day period (January 6, 2013).

-We will send out materials requested to the group.

-We will bring the City Attorney with us at the next meeting; Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Location will be the same– *North Commons Park: 1801 James Ave. N, Minneapolis, MN 55411*

#### **7. Meeting Adjourned 4:25pm**