

CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MINUTES

October 20, 2014

Mayor Joe LaCascia called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Joe LaCascia, Vice Mayor Mike Blethen, Commissioner Don Kimsey, Commissioner Keith Prestage, Commissioner Wanda Harris, City Attorney Thomas Cloud and City Manager Patricia Jackson

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM - Yes

RFP for Solid Waste – Review and Discuss

City Manager Jackson opened discussion regarding the RFP for Solid Waste and clarified any questions about the process for this meeting. Three companies were in attendance to make presentations: Republic Services, Trash Taxi and Waste Management, respectively.

City Attorney Cloud provided an explanation on how these proceedings came about and the proper order in moving forward in this process. He also provided a thorough explanation on the Request for Qualification (RFQ), Invitation-To-Bid (ITB) and the Request for Proposals (RFP).

Republic Services

Debbie Mullen, Municipal Services Manager, Republic Services began the presentation with a brief slideshow on what Republic Services currently offers; and will continue with the same exceptional service, if awarded the contract. She expounded further on the rollback rate. Mrs. Mullen discussed the challenges that would come along with making changes in service; and the cost of deployment of equipment to each house and a great element of confusion for the customer.

Commissioner Kimsey inquired about the length of the current contract with Republic Services).

Mrs. Mullen responded the current contract expires in December and the contract that City Commission voted on is for three years with a three-year renewal option. The price discussed is the price quoted for the three-year contract.

Mayor LaCascia inquired about the consequences of Republic Services asking for a CPI, when the City Commission says no?

Mrs. Mullen responded, Republic Services would continue to provide the same exceptional service. Costs continue to increase.

City Attorney Cloud clarified the CPI. The likelihood of the CPI going up is high, in three years will not go down.

Trash Taxi

Curtis Agius, President/Founder of Trash Taxi made a presentation.

Discussion among the Commission and Mr. Agius regarding other cities Trash Taxi has worked with, cleaning, storage and replacement parts, cost savings, purchasing the containers over time, pick up of appliances, etc.

Waste Management

Larry Dalla Betta, Waste Management made a presentation regarding Waste Management's bid to service Polk City's garbage needs.

Waste Management (WM) is the Nation's largest waste and recycling company. Currently, WM only services commercial accounts in Polk County, but are working hard to get into the residential side of collection in Polk County.

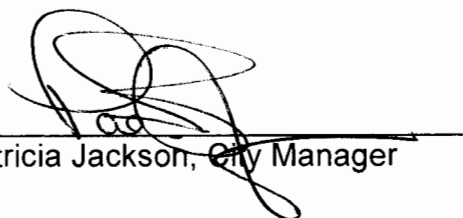
Waste Management has had contracts in Florida for over 30 years. WM has initiated Compressed Natural Gas vehicles. Safety is #1 for Waste Management. Waste Management offers cities "Waste Watch" to become the eyes and ears of the communities. WM was not as competitive on this bid due to the drive time getting to Polk City. All vehicles have Drive Cam Audio and Video. All recycles will be taken to the Waste Management site in Tampa to be processed. WM services 17 unincorporated cities in Polk County.

Further discussion among the Commission and Mr. Delp regarding ownership of the bins, stability for three years versus five years, landfill usage, the litigation/conflict.

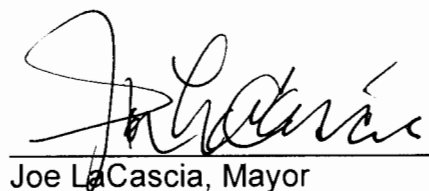
Mr. Dalla Betta commented briefly on the litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT – 6:43 pm



Patricia Jackson, City Manager



Joe LaCascia, Mayor