

Date: July 10, 2017

To: Saint Paul District Council Leaders:

From: Saint Paul Coordinated Collection Team

Subject: Coordinated Collection Update

We want to continue to provide you all with accurate and timely updates on Coordinated Collection, and share the progress we have made. We believe we have come to agreement with all 15 current haulers. Our next step, as directed by Minn State Statute 115A.94, is to schedule a public hearing which we have done. It is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19 at 5:30 pm.

At the public hearing, we will present a brief staff report and hope for adoption of our recommendation to accept the hauler proposal and proceed forward with a contract and implementation on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

As you know, our work began with a set of community led City Council priorities, and we believe we have achieved most of them.

We'd like to start by sharing that the City and all 15 haulers are in agreement on the full package of operations, pricing structure and terms and conditions that address and achieve the majority of the priorities established by the council. We are very proud of this.

**Key highlights of the deal include:**

- All current, local and small haulers will provide service
- Consistent, and high quality customer service throughout city
- Large item collection is included in the base rate
  - this includes: 3 bulky items per a year and holiday tree collection
  - should result in a reduction in illegal dumping
- Easy and consistent billing process
- Wage standards that include a \$20 per hour minimum wage for drivers
- Stable, uniform, and reasonable rates
- Less truck traffic – 1 hauler will be providing service to each neighborhood
  - Resulting in less noise and air pollution and safer alleys
- City coordinated education and outreach with attention to ESL needs.
- Walk up service will be available for the elderly and people with disabilities

**If the Council accepts our recommendation, we anticipate the following timeline:**

- July 19 2017 – Public Hearing and Council Adoption of Recommended Proposal
- August 2017 – Formal contract negotiations begin
- August 2017-Summer/Fall 2018 – Implementation planning
- Summer/Fall 2018 - Citywide Coordinated Collection Begins

We think this agreement provides a solid base to transition the city to coordinated trash collection and meets the priorities that the Council laid out for the negotiating team.

We thank you for your continued leadership and support as we worked these many months through the negotiation process. If you have any questions, please contact Kris @ [kris.hageman@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:kris.hageman@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or 651-266-8866.

Sincerely,

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