

CAPITAL OUTLAY AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024
7:30PM

A Capital Outlay and Infrastructure Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at Livonia City Hall in the City Council Chambers on the 2nd floor.

Committee Members Present: Rob Gjonaj-Donovic, Chair
Jim Jolly, Vice Chair
Carrie Budzinski, Member

Committee Members Absent: None

City Council Members Present: Brandon McCullough, Council President
Scott Morgan, City Councilmember
Laura Toy, Councilmember

**City Officials
and Others Present:** Maureen Miller Brosnan, Mayor
Dave Varga, Chief of Staff
Carter Fisher, City Attorney
Debra Lichtenberg, Finance Director
Don Rohraff, Director of Public Works
Doug Moore, Assistant Director of Public Works
Robb Drzewicki, Government Affairs Director

Sam Caramagno, Priority Waste
Sam Caramagno Jr, Priority Waste

Additional Attendees: See attached list

1. The subject matter of the solid waste/recycling contract. (CR 57-15 and 932-98)
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The meeting convened at 7:33pm, led by Committee Chair, Rob Gjonaj-Donovic.

Administration started the meeting off with a recap and explanation of how we've come to this point.

The Director of DPW gave updates on ongoing discussions with representatives from Priority Waste. PW is willing to amend their contract to carts plus 5 items, in addition to other terms in the contract. Including PW managing the carts, with the city storing the cart inventory on city property.

There were a lot of questions from members of the Council to the DPW director, PW representatives, and the City Law Department.

There are numerous contractual legal protections in place in the city's benefit. We discussed bonds, penalties, and other specific legal questions.

We discussed the possibility of going back out to the market and negotiating with Waste Management for our waste contract.

Ultimately, Priority Waste representatives reassured the Council that they will provide the best service to our residents. The city would transition to automated carts, 95 gallons for trash and 95 gallons for recycling plus 5 additional items. There are not necessarily limits on the items, whether it be additional garbage bags, a mattress, bicycles, and other normal household trash you'd typically see.

Priority Waste needs to place a limit on the number of items as there are people who may take advantage of our waste system and use it for commercial activities, evictions, move outs, and other business enterprises. They will continue to pick up yard waste like normal, and the City Disposal site on Glendale will continue to operate like normal for our residents to bring truck loads of trash for a fixed fee to that resident.

The next steps would be for Council to approve a motion to purchase the carts and a separate motion to approve the solid waste and recycling contract.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.

The Committee recommends:

1. For the Law Department to draft an approving resolution to purchase the carts
2. For the Law Department to draft an approving resolution for the solid waste and recycling contract.

Note: This item will remain in Committee.

This meeting will be reported at the Regular Meeting of September 23, 2024.



Rob Gjonaj-Donovic, Chair