



CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA

CITY COMMISSION

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City Commission Chamber

Work Session

5:00 PM

CITY HALL
1065 RIDGEWOOD AVENUE
HOLLY HILL, FL 32117

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1. CALL TO ORDER

a. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Chris Via	Mayor	Present	
John Penny	District 1 - Commissioner	Present	
Penny Currie	District 2 - Commissioner	Present	
John C. Danio	District 3 - Commissioner	Present	
Roy Johnson	District 4 - Commissioner	Present	

2. WASTE PRO DISCUSSION - COMMERCIAL RATES

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Waste Pro Discussion - Commercial Rates

(Requested by Valerie Manning, City Clerk)

Mr. Forte and Mrs. Moore, Finance Director went over the spreadsheet that was on the screen for the Mayor, City Commissioners and staff present. Also attending the workshop was Bill Redman from Redman Consulting Group and Tim Dolan from Waste Pro who were present to help go over the spreadsheet and clarify, explain and answer questions of the Mayor and Commissioners. This is a follow up workshop with Waste Pro and they are here tonight to answer those questions and comments that were made. For example, is there a way that the city can reduce the residential rate and a little bit more on the commercial rate. Mr. Forte mentioned that he went back to Mr. Redman and Mr. Dolan and recommended that we drop the Waste Pro's proposed rate of \$2.50 to \$1.75 and then Mr. Dolan came back and said they can do that if we increase the commercial rate an additional \$0.35 cubic yard. Going back and forth with several iterations of the spreadsheet, that's what we worked on putting together.

Mr. Dolan wanted to let everyone know that one of the other requests that was made was that the CPI cap gets dropped from 5% to 4%, which we did agree too.

Mr. Forte stated, right. That was another concession that they provided to us. One of the things he keeps reiterating is that this is one of these unknowns that we're dealing with. He likes to make himself feel comfortable if he can anticipate what our rates will be in the next 14 years as compared to somebody who has recently adopted a contract. For example, Ormond Beach is one that we looked at and their commercial rate is pretty

close. Fourteen years from now their rate will actually be about a dollar more than our rate would have been. Our rate would have been 18 and theirs was like 19. We carried the \$1.75 for 5 years and then that drops off. The city's rate that we put in was \$2.50 and although we run that out the entire length of the 14 years, that doesn't mean you have to do it. It just means that's just an example. The same thing when we look at the proposed rates. Mr. Redman and Mr. Dolan were able to break out the fuel and the disposal components and all those are based on assumptions of what those percentage rate increases would be. This is kind of a worst case scenario. This is if everything were at the max. It's more than likely that those numbers would actually be less over time than they would be; they're certainly not any higher. Just look at this spreadsheet as a worst case scenario as you push out to the 14 years anticipating that those numbers will probably be a little bit less. At this time Mrs. Moore went over some areas of the spreadsheet and the numbers with the Mayor and City Commissioners at this time. There was some discussion amongst them. Mr. Forte asked the Mayor and City Commissioners if staff should bring the rate increases forward now.

Commissioners Danio and Penny stated, yes.

Mayor Via asked don't they usually do that in November?

Mr. Forte stated typically, they do it in October.

Mayor Via stated it would be a mid-year change.

Mr. Forte stated we've only done a rate increase, once. So, he can't say what we typically do but we've done it once. We happen to do it twice; we did it in April and October back-to-back. His question is do you want to start that rate increase effective April, effective June, effective October because if you wait until October you lost a year.

Mayor Via stated he would like to see it when it comes back up. They set the rate already as is with our budget, balanced as is. He's looking towards the future of what that is. What the budget will be.

Mr. Forte stated we're getting less than a dollar on the commercial total. We cannot continue to do that.

Mayor Via stated that's what we decided to do though based on...

Mr. Forte stated what we talked about during budget time, we talked about coming back addressing solid waste rates. It's not new now. We've talked about it then that we have a problem with solid waste.

Mayor Via stated his answer is no, if you're asking me right now.

Mr. Forte stated, yes.

Mayor Via stated my answer is no, the Commissioners answer may be yes but that's the way he feels about it. He knows that the solid waste fund is healthy right now. We've been able to do a lot of projects out of it. We specifically said we need to run that solid waste fund down and that's why we did these projects and that's why we haven't increased that rate so that's where he's at.

Commissioner Penny stated what he hears is everyone is in favor of establishing the rate increase. It's a question of when will it be effective.

Mayor Via stated, correct.

Commissioner Penny stated and that can be handled when we vote on it. He thinks they need to bring it back.

Mr. Forte stated well, no. He thinks they can tell him if they want him to make it effective now or do you want him to make it effective October. They can vote on it now

for an October implementation.

Commissioner Penny stated right, that's what he is saying but he thinks...

Commissioner Currie stated she thinks she would prefer it in October. She thinks right now that's where she stands.

Mayor Via stated that's two for October.

Mr. Forte stated he can bring it back next month.

Mayor Via stated, right. It doesn't matter when they vote on it.

Mr. Forte stated we still have reserve that we are still balancing out with. We can do it. We can wait until October to do it. There's no concern about waiting until October.

Mayor Via stated there's three that say we can wait. Commissioner Danio wants to see the numbers so if they see something, get with Commissioner Danio. If you have a sense that you should bring it back before then...

Mr. Forte stated the only problem with that scenario is if we bring it back and we wait until October to implement and then the Commission decides to move forward with Waste Pro's increase then we have to back it up.

Mayor Via stated, okay.

Mr. Forte stated that's the only challenge to that.

Mayor Via stated so then wait.

Mr. Forte stated so, we're in a stand-down right now.

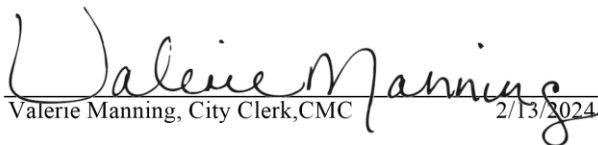
Mayor Via stated we're waiting to see the numbers because we're going to get these numbers back. And Commission, is he right by saying that there is consensus that we want staff to bring back the projections of both ways for us so we can decide if we want to do this renegotiation with the contract now or wait until it's up and then for the rates, we are waiting until October unless we decide to move forward with this then we will have to bring the rates back immediately.

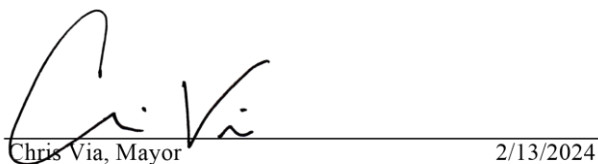
Mr. Forte stated, okay.



3. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop adjourned at approximately 6:00 PM.


Valerie Manning, City Clerk, CMC 2/13/2024


Chris Via, Mayor 2/13/2024