

**MINUTES****MILWAUKIE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION****October 2, 2007**

**Mayor Bernard** called the work session to order at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room.

Council Present: Mayor Bernard and Councilors Barnes, Collette, Stone, and Loomis

Staff Present: City Manager Mike Swanson, Information Specialist Grady Wheeler, Community Services Director JoAnn Herrigel.

**Public Access Program Discussion**

**Mr. Wheeler** introduced Carrie Scaife and Melody Ashford from WFTV. He talked about the future of the Lake Road Access studio. He wanted to get Council Direction as to whether or not we should follow the recommendation of our cable services provider WFTV, and consolidate our resources at the WFTV studio in Oregon City. WFTV has been providing the City public access and government access services since 2003. He explained that government access is all of the programming that occurs on channel 30. Public access was on channel 23, and programs that appear on that channel are events such as the Riverfest parade, State of the City Address, and any programming that is produced by a member of the community. Tonight's discussion pertained only to public access and the public access studio on Lake Road. WFTV is proposing to close the Lake Road studio and consolidate resources at the Oregon City studio. Resources at the Lake Road Studio include a blue screen, a set for taping programs, cameras, lighting and microphones that can be rented out by the community. There are three editing suites to produce programming and a staff person to provide trainings.

**Carrie Scaife**, WFTV board member passed out handouts to Council regarding their proposal. The Clackamas Cable Access Board is the governing board of WFTV and consists of members of the community that are appointed by the mayors of Oregon City and West Linn. WFTV employees and management feel that the current data shows that it would be better for Milwaukie if the resources were consolidated. Milwaukie will continue to have Milwaukie Center programming and its own individual channel complete with the Community Access Network (CAN). Milwaukie has its own CAN time, which is on channel 11 and is completely separate from WFTV and will continue to have that. The only change will be the physical location of the building, its use for equipment and training and check out. Benefits are that it relieves the City of the obligation to the Clackamas County Fire District for use of the building, it will boost utilization of Milwaukie's equipment because there are so many Milwaukie producers at Oregon City that aren't using Milwaukie equipment, there will be better outreach to the population of Milwaukie because more staff hours will open up because there will be more staff at the building so they can go out in to the community. There is a variety of equipment available at Oregon City that Milwaukie doesn't have including a teleprompter, a more advanced studio, and a graphics machine. There will be additional website information regarding playback classes and facility information because there will be people on staff to do that. There will be quicker and more accurate additions to the reader board because there will be

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someone there all the time that can instantly make changes. The drawbacks are that the studio is located in Oregon City and that there is limited parking, but WFTV is planning on purchasing parking spaces for producers starting in January. She discussed quarterly reports from the end of the last quarter and there is significant difference in editing time and camera check out. The Current contract with Milwaukie had a stipulation to increase the user base to 30 users. There are currently only 8 active producers at the Milwaukie Studio. There are 63 active Milwaukie producers who use the Oregon City facility and equipment. Those producers were local people doing their local programming. They are also suppose to conduct quarterly outreach efforts and WFTV has been attending State of the City Address, Riverfest Parade, Arts Guild and other events as requested. Another contract obligation was to establish studio hours that meet community needs. Currently the Lake Road facility is open 26 hours per week. The Oregon City facility is open 6 days per week 12 hours a day Monday through Friday and 8 hours on Saturday, which offers a lot more variety in times for use. They also needed to meet the needs of the fire district, which they have been doing; if the operations were moved to Oregon City they would not have that obligation because they wouldn't be using their property. They are also operating within budget and attending meetings as obligated.

To address some concerns they wanted Milwaukie to know that they will not be losing cable access privileges. The channel will remain completely intact and is separate from the building itself. It has been physically operated from Oregon City for 6 months, and there have been no changes in services. Having the channel physically operated from Oregon City has given Milwaukie producers the unique opportunity to get more exposure because their shows are playing in other service areas in addition to Milwaukie. Milwaukie will not be funding other cities. It will remain completely separate from the other cities and channels. The overall communication between WFTV and Milwaukie residents will be more direct because there will be one facility, one phone number and one e-mail address. A Milwaukie representative can join the Clackamas Cable Access Board. Milwaukie will continue to have input on the WFTV budgeting and the Oregon City facility upon approval from the other cities. The majority of the Milwaukie producers prefer the Oregon City facility. The benefits from the change outweigh any drawbacks that they see.

**Mr. Wheeler** said we are currently leasing a building from the Fire District behind their Lake Road station. The District suggested that they would like to move back into that space.

**Councilor Collette** asked if they have talked to the 8 producers who use the Milwaukie facility, and how do they feel about the change. Do they regularly produce programs.

**Ms. Ashford** replied that the producers go back and forth between the two facilities. Depending on what day they want classes is what facility they are going to. The change would make all of the classes in Oregon City.

**Councilor Barnes** had concerns that once we close our doors we will not be getting any more studios in Milwaukie. There may be a lull now, but when people get trained on the equipment they will want to work in a local studio. The parking in Oregon City is terrible. She wanted to know about the equipment purchased by the City. In looking at the equipment list she realizes our equipment is no longer state of the art.

**Ms. Ashford** said that everything was shared. There are 3 editing suites. One was state of the art and primarily what was being used.

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**Mr. Wheeler** said that all of Milwaukie's equipment is tagged and bar-coded, and they have a complete inventory of all of our equipment.

**Ms. Ashford** said it would be retained as Milwaukie's equipment, but the equipment is shared between both studios. There is a benefit to have access to all the equipment.

**Councilor Barnes** said she has contributed some programming that was dropped off at the Milwaukie studio. Would there be a courier service available for Milwaukie producers?

**Ms. Ashford** said they could set up something like that by using local people.

**Councilor Barnes** was really concerned once we close the doors we won't get it back. Some may not want to travel.

**Ms. Ashford** said maybe they could set up a satellite site and possibly use the Milwaukie Center or Bertman House. They could have a special workshop, but there would basically be one mother ship, and they can set up a day and time at a Milwaukie location to give a workshop. A liaison can assist with keeping the program going.

**Councilor Barnes** would be okay with the Bertman House.

**Ms. Ashford** said she talked to Comcast about a fiber connection at the Milwaukie Center for a live place. The said for \$5,000 they could drop a live feed. Within the City there are probably other fiber feeds that are close so if you wanted a live feed center that could be done, maybe coordinated with a group so there is not a void of staff.

**Councilor Stone** said if we did something like that it would cost \$5,000 to set something up?

**Ms. Ashford** said that is was the figure she initially got from Comcast to get the feed drop.

**Councilor Stone** asked if the City is paying \$10,000 for government access and \$30,000 for public access at both locations?

**Mr. Wheeler** responded that they are two different services. The \$10,000 is for channel 30 and public access is all channel 23 at a cost of \$30,000.

**Councilor Stone** asked if there was much of a cost savings for consolidating.

**Ms. Ashford** said there is office overhead and a maintenance fee on the building, which is about \$3,000. The City can look at capital funds to maybe offset the cost of the fiber feed. It was right in line with what everyone else was paying for government and public access.

**Councilor Stone** said it made sense to consolidate, and she likes the idea of having a local area.

**Councilor Loomis** asked how much does the City receive in franchise fees from Comcast.

**Ms. Herrigel** replied \$160,000 annually. What isn't used for the studio goes into the general fund.

**Councilor Loomis** asked if there was anything set aside for new equipment.

**Ms. Herrigel** said that new equipment comes from PEG funds. That would still be marked to buy our equipment.

Consensus was to proceed and establish a satellite.

### **Garbage Rates**

**Ms. Herrigel** talked about a proposed collection program modification and potentially a rate increase. Annually haulers submit expenses and revenues. The City does an analysis with the assistance of Clackamas County. They take all haulers and consolidate into one to compare revenue generated and expenses and determines a rate of return. In the City of Milwaukie if there is a rate of return between 8% and 12% there is typically no increase. Unfortunately, this year the rate of return was fairly low at just about 8% or just below that. She has been working with Joe Cook and David White representing the garbage haulers, Rick Winterhalter from Clackamas County and Michael Borg from Oak Grove Disposal and the haulers to work out a compromise on increasing rates, but also providing adequate service for the City of Milwaukie. The haulers have reported for 2006 an 8% return. There was a tip fee increase of \$1.28 per ton, driver wages are increasing by 2.95%, insurance for all employees will increase by 4.79% and it is predicted that we will have a rise in fuel costs of 7.67%. They anticipate that with the cost increase it will take the hauler numbers lower. Talks with the haulers have been on how to increase, and what services can be provided with that increase. They want obtain three goals, first is implementing semi-automated recycling collection. Every residential customer in the City would be given a 60 or 90 gallon roll cart for their recyclables along with educational material and they would put all recyclables in the cart with exception of glass. This has been implemented in Beaverton for about a year and the numbers there show that there was a 17% increase in materials put out in recycling over that period of time. Portland carts are going out within the next year. Gresham implemented the roll carts in August and September. Clackamas County haulers will have their carts out in January 2009. We have seven haulers who have overlap in County. The second goal was to enhance the efficiencies of the rate review. There has been discussion around decreasing the bureaucracy to make it more efficient for the City and haulers. That would require that we equalize the rates between the City and the County, which would mean the haulers would charge the same rates to the City as they do the County and provide the same services. There are some modifications between the two jurisdictions. If a Milwaukie resident has a 32-gallon can the haulers are not required to provide carts because there was no rate. The County had a slightly higher level of service. Considering all of the issues and discussion the garbage haulers are proposing to raise residential rates to meet those in the county. If a customer has a 20-gallon can the increase would be \$2.88 per month and the highest, those with a 90-gallon, would increase to \$5.31 per month. Approximately 19% of all customers for all of the haulers use 60-gallon and 8% use 90-gallon. The haulers would purchase roll carts and begin commingling by February 1, 2008, which is a year ahead of what the County is requiring them to do. Most of the haulers believe that they can get those carts out by Christmas, but not all of the haulers were sure they could meet that deadline so they suggested that February 1, 2008 would be more appropriate. The City and County staff and haulers would continue to work on streamlining the rate review process for better efficiency, modify the drop box rates and service policies in both the County and the City and commercial rate equalization for 2008. The commercial rates in the City are actually lower than in the County. For many years our commercial rates have been subsidizing to some extent the residential rates. She provided copies of a flyer that Gresham did for their roll cart program, and a handout that shows all of the rates from surrounding jurisdictions.

**Mayor Bernard** asked when the current contract expired.

**Ms. Herrigel** said it was a 10-year rolling contract that is re-upped every 5-years.

**Councilor Collette** wondered about educating people on how they could downsize their can.

**Ms. Herrigel** said the flyer showed what the different service levels are and how people could save money.

**Councilor Collette** said that is important to people and they did not often know they could change.

**Ms. Herrigel** said one of things over the years that she has heard from haulers is when there is a rate increase people tend to downsize but then overfill their cans. They either need to change their service again or they have repeat extras collected, which always results in a customer service issue. The haulers have cautioned to not push that too hard because there are people that try to toggle back and forth on a regular basis and that could be a customer issue.

**Councilor Loomis** said he got e-mail today with a question and the concern that this program would mean the loss of family wage jobs. Would there be fewer haulers, and would that result in a loss of jobs.

**Ms. Herrigel** said to her knowledge it did not impact the number of employees when haulers use roller carts for recycling. It does force the sorting of the recyclables and shifts it from the customer's house to the materials recovery facility (MRF). There is a shift of work from the customer's house to the MRF. She did not know if they are ramping up on low wage labor. It might shift from the end use. It used to be that the sort separated and briefly looked through it and then sent it on to the end user. In this case they are employing more people at the MRF to sort things out to then send out to the end user. Her concern is that the material can get contaminated when it is in the big container or at the MRF and then it isn't as pure of stream of recycling material that goes into the end use ultimately. She doesn't have a concern of losing high wage labor.

**Dave White** with Oregon Refuse Recycling Association represents the Milwaukie Haulers. He said one of the members in the association is a processor from Farwest Fibers, and he said that because the carts have lids on them the quality of the material was much better because it was not getting wet. One of the worst things that can happen other than plastic bags going down is the wet paper mixing in with the plastic. They actually recover more because of the quality of material. Regarding effect on employees in the concept of sustainability there are three prongs and one of those is workers safety or the impact on people rather than just on the economy. They are finding when moving to this type of system their workers can work longer. Bending over numerous times a day and picking up bins is back breaking work, and this allows people to get into this business and stay in it. They can stay in it longer and long enough to retire. There are many advantages to moving to this type of system.

**Councilor Loomis** asked if all of the haulers have the automation to lift these carts.

**Mr. Borg** said the commitment from haulers is that they will retrofit their equipment and they may not all go to completely fully automated, but they will go to at least semi-automated. Some may have to purchase additional equipment.

**Ms. Herrigel** explained the differences between automated and semi-automated. Automated is when the driver never has to get out of the truck. Semi-automated

is when gets out of his truck and manually rolls the cart to the prongs. That saves wear and tear on the drivers backs. She proposed bringing a resolution for modification of rates and services to the next council meeting. They would have most of the details on getting the carts out and any data collection that they are planning on doing.

**Mayor Bernard** asked if there would be a choice of cart size.

**Ms. Herrigel** said that she has to develop the specifications. If there is a legitimate customer concern the hauler could address that but she is concerned about where that will stop. The footprint of the 60 and 90 is the same.

**Mr. White** said this discussion about the size and inconvenience comes up in every jurisdiction. They typically give everyone a 60-gallon and ask that they try it for at least a month. Some find that they take the can to the curb fewer times. For them it means that they do not have to stop at every house every week so that was a benefit. He said that in Metro's solid waste management plan the recommendation is to go from bins to carts in the next 10 years.

**Councilor Stone** understood there was only one size 60-gallons.

**Mr. White** replied that was the recommended size. There are some communities that have opted for a 90 because everything can go in it.

**Councilor Stone** asked if people would get the choice of a 60 or a 90.

**Ms. Herrigel** said she hadn't had an opportunity to talk to the haulers about that, and she would like feedback from them.

**Councilor Stone** said it would be neat if people had a choice about what size garbage can and yard debris cans they can have.

**Mr. White** said it has to do with inventory. There is a choice with garbage already. The recycling doesn't have to be set out as often if it is not full. Yard debris only has one option.

**Councilor Stone** asked if the cities where the rolling carts have been implemented are seeing more people downsizing their garbage cans; and if they are, how does that offset the revenue.

**Mr. White** said when they implement the roll carts people realize they are more convenient, and it makes people more aware of recycling. Roller cans cost about \$50, which was amortized over 7 years.

**Ms. Herrigel** said typically when there is an increase of rates in the City they either add a material to recycling or they add a service. In this case what is suggested is that when the rates increase the additional service that is now provided is the new roller cart with commingling. You don't pay for the cart, but the cost of the cart is included in the rate increase.

**Ms. Herrigel** said that commercial rates would not be modified. The proposal is for an increase in residential rates.

**Councilor Stone** asked why the increase is just for residential.

**Ms. Herrigel** replied that the commercial rate of return was more healthy than residential.

**Councilor Stone** asked when the last increase was.

**Ms. Herrigel** said it was last year.

**Councilor Stone** asked if there was a way that the rate of return was positively impacted when there is more recycling.

**Ms. Herrigel** said that it depends on the market. Recovery centers were not free.

**Councilor Stone** asked when can we recycle Styrofoam?

**Ms. Herrigel** she doesn't know of any jurisdiction that takes Styrofoam at the curb. There is not a market for it.

**Ms. Herrigel** said she would come back to the next meeting with rate modifications.

**Mr. Swanson** announced an executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)e real property acquisition.

**Adjournment**

**Mayor Bernard** adjourned the work session at 6:20 p.m.

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Pat DuVal, City Recorder

**AGENDA**  
**WORK SESSION**  
**MILWAUKIE CITY COUNCIL**

**OCTOBER 2, 2007**

**MILWAUKIE CITY HALL**

Second Floor Conference Room  
10722 SE Main Street

A light dinner will be served.

***WORK SESSION – 5:30 p.m.***

Discussion Items:

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
1.	5:30 p.m.	Public Access Program Discussion	Grady Wheeler
2.	5:45 p.m.	Water Environment Services Briefing	Ted Kyle & Paul Shirey
3.	6:15 p.m.	Garbage Rates	JoAnn Herrigel
4.	6:30 p.m.	Adjourn	

***EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:30 p.m.***

Executive Session: The Milwaukie City Council will go into Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)e real property acquisition. All discussions are confidential and those present may disclose nothing from the Session. Representatives of the news media are allowed to attend Executive Sessions as provided by ORS 192.660(3) but must not disclose any information discussed. No Executive Session may be held for the purpose of taking any final action or making any final decision. Executive Sessions are closed to the public.

**Public Notice**

- The Council may vote in work session on non-legislative issues.
- The time listed for each discussion item is approximate. The actual time at which each item is considered may change due to the length of time devoted to the one previous to it.
- For assistance/service per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) please dial TDD (503) 786-7555.
- The Council requests that all pagers and cell phones be either set on silent mode or turned off during the meeting.



To: Mayor and City Council

Through: JoAnn Herrigel, Community Services Director

From: Grady Wheeler, Information Coordinator

Subject: Lake Road Public Access Studio

Date: September 20, 2007

Action Requested:

Provide staff with direction as to whether to close the Lake Road public access studio and consolidate resources at the Willamette Falls Television Studio at 709 Main Street in Oregon City.

Background

Since 2003 the City has been under contract with Willamette Falls Television (WFTV) for the operation of our government access channel, Channel 30, and for the operation of our public access channel, Channel 23. The City pays \$10,000 for the government access portion, \$30,000 for the public access portion. For context, government access airs City Council Work Sessions, Regular Sessions and special meetings. Public access airs programs such as the Riverfest Parade and all programs produced by members of the community.

This discussion pertains only to public access services provided by WFTV. Currently the scope of the City's agreement with WFTV includes:

- Operation of the Lake Road studio and maintaining regular hours at that facility.
- Providing training programs to create, edit and produce non-commercial television programming.
- Making production equipment available to public (i.e. cameras and microphones)
- Recruiting additional users and conducting outreach efforts.
- Fulfilling Fire District requests for programming.

WFTV is proposing to close the Lake Road facility and consolidate resources at the Oregon City location for the following reasons:

- The WFTV staff person that operates the Lake Road facility would be better utilized at the Oregon City location.
- There are currently only 8 active producers at the Milwaukie Facility, while there are 63 active Milwaukie producers who use the Oregon City facility and equipment.
- With staff originating from the Oregon City facility, location shoots and training would increase significantly due to increased staff availability.
- The Lake Road facility is open 26 hours a week and maintains an irregular schedule – the Oregon City facility is open 68 hours a week, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- There is a variety of equipment available at Oregon City that the Lake Road facility does not have.
- Overall communication between the public access provider and Milwaukie residents will be more direct with one facility, one phone number, and one email address.
- Fire District staff use the Oregon City studio rather than the Lake Road facility for their video production needs. Thus, the utility of the Lake Road facility to the District is very low.

A word on the Lake Road facility: the City has leased the building from the North Clackamas Fire District, the owner of the building and property, for \$1 a month. The studio has a blue screen, editing suites, lighting, cameras and a set for the taping of programs.

This summer the Fire District expressed a desire to reclaim the building in order to move office functions into the space. The District is waiting to make a decision based on the direction Council gives tonight.

### Concurrence

Community Services Director believes that closing the Lake Rd facility makes sense given the decreased use of the facility over the past few years.

### Fiscal Impact

The WFTV proposal would have no fiscal impact. If the Lake Rd facility were closed, the City could continue to pay WFTV for the use of the Oregon City facility. Staff would negotiate with WFTV staff on costs. All City of Milwaukie property, currently used at the Lake Road facility, is tagged and bar-coded and would be returned should the City terminate its contract with WFTV.

Work Load Impacts

None. WFTV staff would oversee the transition.

Alternatives

Maintain the Lake Road facility and begin negotiations with the Fire District regarding continuing a presence in their facility.



To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Mike Swanson, City Manager

From: JoAnn Herrigel, Community Services Director

Subject: Garbage Rates and Service Changes

Date: September 20, 2007

**Action Requested**

Provide staffs with guidance on a rate increase request from garbage haulers and a proposed collection program shift to roll carts for residential recycling.

**Background**

The City receives financial reports from the seven franchised garbage companies annually. These reports contain information regarding the expenses and revenues of each garbage hauler for the previous year. The information submitted by the individual haulers is consolidated to create a composite 'company'. Costs are adjusted to eliminate those costs allowed for tax purposes but not allowed for determining collection rates. This composite is used to analyze the financial health of the entire system.

The City determines the system's health based on what is called return on revenues (ROR). Chapter 13.24 of our municipal code states that rates should be adequate to provide a ROR equal to 10% of the composite gross revenue. When the system falls within a range of 8 to 12%, typically, neither an increase nor decrease in rates is deemed necessary. Special circumstances, such as the addition of new programs or anticipated increases in expenses outside the control of the companies may, however, warrant rate increases.

For 2006, the haulers' collective rate of return was close enough to the 8% minimum to warrant discussion of a rate increase. In early September, City staff met with the haulers' representatives, Joe Cook and Dave White, and Rick Winterhalter of Clackamas County to discuss City garbage rates. During this and subsequent meetings with the garbage haulers, the following issues were raised:

- The City's seven garbage companies are a subset of the 23 companies servicing Clackamas County. Thus, when financial data is submitted each year, the City's seven haulers have to "allocate" their tonnages and costs between the City and the County. The accuracy of these allocations is very low due to the nature of collection practices. For example, one company's truck may cross the City/county boundary several times in one route. Allocating which materials are collected in which jurisdiction from any one truckload is veritably impossible. Yet, we ask for the haulers to at least estimate how much waste or recyclables came from each jurisdiction. They are also asked to allocate costs such as truck repair, maintenance and acquisition between the two jurisdictions.
- Collection rates in the city and in the county's urban area have always been uneven. The City's residential rates are a bit lower than the county's and the county's commercial rates are a little lower than the City's. Since the services provided by the haulers are the same in the two jurisdictions, the reason for this disparity is unclear and probably unwarranted. Thus, City and county staff have been discussing the possibility of "equalizing" the rates in the two jurisdictions. The haulers servicing Milwaukie concur that using one set of rates in both jurisdictions would increase efficiency of billing.
- Currently, the haulers franchised with the City submit their financial information to the County. County staff and accounting consultants review the information, collate it and determine whether a rate increase is required for county customers. When this is completed, the rate information for the City's haulers is conveyed to the City and the City works with the haulers' representatives to determine what rate changes are necessary. City staff, the haulers servicing the city, and county staff feel that by "equalizing" the rates of the county and city, rate review could be streamlined and the accuracy of cost and tonnage allocations in their annual reports may increase.
- City staff has been participating in discussions with other jurisdictions in the Metro area regarding shifting residential recycling collection from the smaller curbside containers to larger roll carts (carts with wheels). Using the carts for commingled recycling has been shown to increase participation in recycling programs (Beaverton and several Clackamas County areas have already employed commingled collection and Portland and Gresham programs will begin within the next year or so). Further, the carts can be lifted mechanically by truck arms, rather than by the driver. This decreases collector injury. Residential customers would each receive a roll cart into which they would place mixed recyclable materials (paper, metal and plastic containers, cardboard). Glass would be kept out of the carts and placed in a separate bin.
- The haulers are anticipating several financial impacts over the next year. Among these is a \$1.28 per ton increase in tip fee at the Metro disposal facilities, which took effect September 1, 2007. Driver wages are increasing by 2.95% and insurance for all employees is increasing 4.79%. Finally, the west coast fuel indexes for the coming year predict a 7.67%

rise in fuel prices (the haulers report an even higher increase over the past year).

#### Proposed Changes for 2007-08

Based on the issues described above, the haulers have proposed that the City make the following changes:

- Raise residential rates to equal those currently used by county haulers. These rates would be effective November 1, 2007. Following is a chart of selected service levels showing the proposed increases.

<b>Service Level</b>	<b>Current City Rate</b>	<b>Proposed (County) Rate</b>
20 gallon can weekly	18.02	20.90
32 gallon can weekly	21.62	24.00
60 gallon cart weekly	28.81	31.95
90 gallon cart weekly	31.89	37.20

- Haulers will purchase roll carts and upgrade their collection trucks to accommodate semi-automated collection (where necessary) by February 1, 2008. Carts may be provided to customers before the February 1 deadline if they are available to the haulers.
- City staff, county staff and the haulers representatives would meet over the next several months to discuss rate review process modifications, drop box service rates (held over from last year's rate review) and commercial rate equalization for the county and city for 2008.

#### **Concurrence**

City and county staff are continuing to discuss the impacts and benefits of this proposal with the haulers and will present our recommendations at the October 2 work session.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

No fiscal impact to the city budget is anticipated at this time.

#### **Work Load Impacts**

Work load for City staff would decrease slightly due to removal of a separate garbage rate review process by City staff. Heightened participation in the county rate review process by City staff may neutralize this savings, however.