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Subject: FW: Council Meeting -Waste Management Decisions
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Chris,

Please see the comment below when Mr. [REDACTED] called the WM Municipal Sales Office. If this statement is correct, you should be prepared to discuss this inappropriate response tonight.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 5:21 AM
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Mr. Mayor, Council and City Manager.

Please find attached a transcript of email with the City manager regarding termination of alley way trash pickup within Universal City. It is the City manager will be asking council for time to present to council tonight **"..why decisions are being made, and what is negotiable and what is not negotiable."**

The attached email is in reverse order with first email on the bottom. In in this e-mail it is confirmed:

- 1) That the City has not actively pursued options to continue alley waste-pickup service with waste management providers for neighborhoods designed and previously approved by the City for alley trash services.
- 2) The email suggests the City's decision is based on a survey of surrounding cities.

The city manager reported that "We a dealing with an industry change, not a WM change or a staff decision to change. I do understand the importance of this issue with alleys in Coronado Village and for others. As a City we were advised eight years ago that this change was coming."

- 3) I have contacted the municipal sales office for both our current waste management

provider (WM) and their largest area competitor Republic. Their responses are a matter of recorded telephone records maintained by each company. (Pending are responses from Tiger and Apache Waste management services)

**A. Waste Management Municipal Sales office: [REDACTED] Call to WM services)
11 AM 13 Aug 2021**

[REDACTED]: Was there a reason for discontinuing alley pickups in Universal City?

Response: "We only follow the contract that Universal City provides regarding alley or curbside trash pickup."

I asked again, please confirm if alley pickup remains and option. He repeated.

"We only follow the contract that Universal City provides regarding alley or curb trash pickup."

B) 16 Aug 2021 (Republic Waste Management call to the City of Universal City)

Republic Waste Management Municipal sales offices called the City of Universal City last week to determine if a bid could be submitted for waste management services. According to their official log reported to me 11AM Monday (16 Aug), the City of Universal City responded that they already "resigned" with the current provider.

C) I have been unable to contact the City Attorney to determine if a contractual document has been "resigned" or if it includes a change in the service agreement. According to the City manager's email there has been not statement of work for a contract only guidelines, but email was unclear to whom "guidelines" were submitted.

Why this is important is because if at the first reading to Council, a City decision was already made and a contract "resigned" with a change service, Council would have lost oversight power as representatives of the residents of Universal City. Although this may be a simple procedural issue, it IS clear that as of this time that Republic, the largest waste management company in the country, could not provide a proposal for [services.to](#) City of Universal City.

I DO believe our City Manager works very, very hard for our city. However, the points presented in email on the matter of alley waste pickup and my follow-up with waste management companies suggest that little or no effort was made to preserved alley waste pickup. The argument of "industrial change" referenced by the City Mangers DOES NOT appear to reflect the actual contractual services that are available in the setting of a competitive bid process.

[I also was very surprised by the statement that competitive bids for services are not routinely executed by the City, given that competitive contracts are a means to control City cost.]

Thank you all for your time and service to the City of Universal City.

[REDACTED]
Resident Coronado Village