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Mr. Mayor, Members of Council and City Manager.

Find below e-mail correspondence between myself and the City manager which provide some insight into the City's position and resident's concerns regarding decision to discontinue alley waste pickup and some general alley infrastructure concerns.

I think the Mayor was cc on most of these emails.
This email is in reverse order beginning at the bottom.

Kim Turner CtMgr <citymanager@uctx.gov>

To: Resident

Fri, Aug 13 at 9:13 AM

You are correct! That is why we are doing the study now. Once the study is done, we will determine the priority list for stand alone projects and those that will get done with a street project. Infrastructure projects never go away, they just go through a continuous cycle. Sometimes the cycle is 20, or 30, or even 40 years long.

Kim M Turner

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 13, 2021, at 1:28 AM, Resident <Resident@yahoo.com> wrote:

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On the last page of the 2018-2022 Comprehensive plan
Under Infrastructure "Challenges"
"Aging water/sewer systems in older areas"
Was identified as an issue to be addressed.

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Resident <Resident@yahoo.com>

To: Kim Turner CtMgr

Fri, Aug 13 at 1:14 AM

Thanks for this explanation. I see you have been working late or taking work home by the time stamp on your e-mail. I know that you think a lot about how to resolve UC problems and work very hard.

I think I see how we got to this point. However, your discussion is somewhat circuitous. Since alley infrastructure has not been improved to allow for this change if the city saw "eight years ago this change was coming".

It also side steps the issue as to whether an effort was made by the city to seek a bid from waste management services for continued alley pickup. The discussion below suggests this was not specifically done.

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Therefore, it is difficult to understand what is or what is or is not "negotiable" when the City has not provided a statement of work for an open bid contract process to waste management providers. For without a statement of work how can any "negotiation" be possible without a description of what the contract requirements are?

Also, I did not see any reference to a sewer line replacement program you mentioned in prior email in the 2018-2022 City "comprehensive plan". Nor in this document was there a statement under "Challenges" regarding efforts to continue to provide alley trash pickup for residents.

Thanks for your time in responding, but likely you have much more pressing responsibilities than to reply to one residents concerns. As you suggest it might be more efficient to address the residents with the background for this decision at the next council meeting

As always, stay safe.

Resident

On another issue, I would very much like your input to publish an article regarding City finances based on the most recent audit. It would be very helpful if the details regarding the specifics of the city income and expenses that were used for the audit period could be provided. I think I may be able to get some help with this project from other residents of UC. I would not consider submitting such an article without review by some at the city for correctness.

On Thursday, August 12, 2021, 06:16:26 PM CDT, Kim Turner CtMgr <citymanager@uctx.gov> wrote:

Mr. Resident,

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. Since some who will be attending were not at the last City Council meeting, I will take extra time at the beginning of the meeting to recap all of the discussion items so everyone can understand why decisions are being made, and what is negotiable and what is not negotiable. I have surveyed other communities in our area and outside our area. With the exception of Universal City and Live Oak, everyone is on Automated Side Loading trash service and alley service only occurs when there is a rear entry garage with a paved alley. There are some lots in Coronado Village that meet this criteria of a rear entry garage with a paved alley, as do some streets in other subdivisions in the City.

I am always happy to speak with you and am sorry that I cannot always deliver "good news".

Again, I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Kim M. Turner

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Universal City
210-659-0333 ext 705

From: Resident <Resident@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 4:47 PM
To: Kim Turner CtMgr <citymanager@uctx.gov>
Subject: Re: Can info be provided before the next council meeting.

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Your response suggests it was the City of Universal City that independently decided to discontinue alley trash pickup for residents of Coronado village.. To whom were the "guidelines" provided if is ("it" sic) was not to other waste management service providers? What were the local cities contacted Shertz, Selma, Cibilo, Live Oak?

I am sorry to be Columbo.. and say just one more questions, but I am sure you understand how important this issue is for residents of CV and I would like to relay facts when I talk with residents.

You have been great about being open and I very much appreciate your time.

Very respectfully,

Resident

On Thursday, August 12, 2021, 04:10:20 PM CDT, Kim Turner CtMgr <citymanager@uctx.gov> wrote:

Guidelines were provided; twice week trash, once week recycling, brush pickup-residential, fall/spring cleanup, etc. We did check with other cities to see what they had for comparable services, etc.

Yes, for some types of contract were are required to do competitive bid process.

Kim M. Turner
Universal City
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From: Resident <Resident@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 2:22 PM
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Thanks for reply.

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Then I understand there was no statement of work by the City for a contract for trash pickup that included existing alley trash pickup service?

Don't not want to take up any more of your time, but does the city have any guidelines that are followed to ensure competitive bid process for any contract?

Resident

On Thursday, August 12, 2021, 07:31:14 AM CDT, Kim Turner CtMgr <citymanager@uctx.gov> wrote:

Mr. Resident,

The city is not required to advertise for such services.

As to the question regarding clay pipes, I am sure you have recently seen the City's contractor in your area examining the pipes as part of the I&I Program that we have with SARA and CCMA. Some pipes are lead based and some are clay and others are PVC. All pipes in the city will be assessed according to their condition and then entered into the replacement program. Whether your street will be first, middle, or last is yet to be determined.

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday evening.

Kim M. Turner
Universal City
210-659-0333 ext 705

From: Resident <Resident@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 3:29 PM

To: Kim Turner CtMgr <citymanager@uctx.gov>; Mayor <Mayor@uctx.gov>

Subject: Can info be provided before the next council meeting.

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To: Mrs. Kim Turner, City Manager
Cc Mayor

Kim,

1) At your convenience, would it be possible to let me know how the new contract for City trash pickup for the city was advertised/announced. In the Federal government there is a statement of work that must published before a contract is published and the entire process is competitive.

2) How does the City advertise/announce that service contracts? If this has been done, can you send me a link to the announcement? I did not attend council meeting for the first reading for trash pickup changes and it is unclear from the notes of a citizen who was present if this occurred.

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It is likely that there will be a number of residents from Coronado present. Many still do not know of the proposed change.

As always, thanks for whatever information you can provide.

Stay safe,

Resident

P.S. I am aware from observing the recent work done by contractors during a survey on existing sewer lines in Coronado Village that there are several breaks in the old clay pipes. We have lived in CV for about 40 years, and I am not aware of any updates to the sewer lines in our neighborhood. Is there a plan for updating this basic infrastructure? Certainly, maintaining city infrastructure is an important component of any development plan.