

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
BANNING, CALIFORNIA

09/11/2018
REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Banning City Council was called to order by Mayor Moyer on September 11, 2018, at 5:01 p.m. at the Banning Civic Center Council Chamber, 99 E. Ramsey Street, Banning, California.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Member Franklin
 Council Member Welch
 Mayor Moyer

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Member Andrade
 Council Member Peterson

OTHERS PRESENT Rochelle Clayton, Interim City Manager
 Art Vela, Public Works Director
 Robert Meteau, Deputy Human Resources Director
 Sonja De La Fuente, Deputy City Clerk
 Laurie Sampson, Executive Assistant
 Leila Lopez, Office Specialist

The Invocation was given by Elder Ralph Bobik, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Council Member Andrade led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE / PRESENTATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Resolution 2018-110, Approving the Rate Adjustment for the Collection, Transportation and Disposal of Solid Waste Services and Approving the Execution of the Fifth Amendment to the Franchise Agreement with Waste Management.

Public Works Director Art Vela presented the staff report as contained in the Agenda packet.

The Mayor asked staff to confirm whether or not Council directed staff to issue a Request for Proposals.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing.

John Hagan would like to know why the CPI is based on the Long Beach/Anaheim area then in 2020 it is based on this area. He mentioned Waste Management chooses between charging CPI or the increase in tipping fee.

Director Vela explained the CPI for this area is new and won't be available until 2020.

Ivy Wilson expressed her objection to the rate increase, requested clarity on why a rate increase is needed, and asked the Council not to approve.

Ellen Carr advised that a profit is the bottom line for Waste Management and hers is survival. She expressed her exhaustion with prices going up on everything.

Jerry Westholder expressed concern with electric rates increasing in 2014, water rates increased recently, and now trash rates.

Public Works Director Vela explained the new Riverside/San Bernardino/Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI) is not available to use until 2020. He confirmed that per the agreement, Waste Management has the option to charge either the CPI or the County's increase in landfill tipping fee, whichever is higher.

Council Member Welch asked about issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP). There was discussion regarding issuing a RFP. Director Vela advised staff will prepare an RFP for release prior to the contract expiration date in 2021.

Council Member Franklin asked what would happen to the City's service if the rate increase is not approved. Director Vela advised that Waste Management could end their services in 180 days. There was discussion regarding the State's requirements of the City and Director Vela advised it would not be good for the City to not have a waste hauler.

Council Member Welch directed everyone to review the rate comparison chart (see Exhibit "A"). Clara Vera with Waste Management asked everyone to consider the population, commercial business based in the City and programs provided under the agreement. Director Vela provided an example that Burtec who services the desert cities has less of a distance to travel so that component would affect their rate versus the City of Banning's.

John Hagan asked if the City charges Waste Management for billing and Public Works Director Vela confirmed the City charges a 10% franchise fee.

Jerry Westholder asked if Waste Management makes money on recyclables. The Mayor confirmed they do, but advised that a recent issue is that China ceased purchasing most recyclables. This does affect Waste Management's profit.

Interim City Manager Clayton explained that due to all of the costs going up, including fuel, affects companies like Waste Management, which is why CPI increases are included in the agreement.

Val Westholder believes the smaller trash bins are cheaper and can be requested from Waste Management. The Mayor advised he is unaware of a price difference. Clara Vera with Waste Management advised they do offer different size carts. Interim City Manager Clayton advised that there is not a price difference in rates depending on cart size.

Council Member Franklin would like information brought back indicating what programs are included in Waste Management's services and if some were reduced whether or not the rate would be impacted.

Motion Franklin/Welch to continue the Public Hearing to the next regular City Council Meeting scheduled for September 25, 2018. Motion carried 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS

None

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

REPORT BY CITY ATTORNEY

None

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None

ADJOURNMENT

By common consent the meeting was adjourned at 5:43 P.M.

Minutes Prepared by:



Sonja De La Fuente, Deputy City Clerk

These Minutes reflect actions taken by the City Council. The entire discussion of this meeting can be found by visiting the following website: <https://banninglive.viebit.com/player.php?hash=6HjKmOtLIW7s> or by requesting a CD or DVD at Banning City Hall located at 99 E. Ramsey Street.

Exhibit “A”

to the September 11, 2018, Regular Meeting Minutes

RATE COMPARISON

Residential Monthly Rates 2017

