



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

October 24, 2016

To: Mayor and City Council Members
 From: Brian Kischnick, City Manager
 Subject: City Council Member Questions and Responses

I have discussed questions advanced by Mayor and Council with Staff, and responses are attached. Thank you for asking questions in advance of the meeting.

Subject: C-01 PROCLAMATION FOR AMERICA RECYCLES DAY PRESENTED TO PAM BRADY

- Can I get a number on the last two years recycling savings for the city. Interested to see if there is an uptick or flat number on this.

Would like to remind people of the monetary affect to the city for recycling

Response:

RECYCLING BENEFIT						
	2011	2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016
Recycling Credit/ton	\$ 30	\$ 50	\$ 35	\$ 35	\$ 35	\$ 25
Recycled Material/ton	\$ 4,495	4448	4690	4682.96	**4566.1	5181.59
Composted Material/ton	\$ 9,217	9343	8806	9743.44	9173.62	9104.39
Total Recycling Credit	\$134,850	\$ 166,824	\$ 164,160	\$ 163,904	\$ 159,800	\$ 129,568
Avoided Disposal Costs	\$100,300	\$ 115,664	\$ 126,638	\$ 126,440	\$ 123,285	\$ 139,933
Total Recycling Benefit	\$235,150	\$ 282,488	\$ 290,798	\$ 290,344	\$ 283,085	\$ 269,501

** Due to flood in August the City did not collect recycling curbside for a few weeks which caused us to loose approximately 150-200 tons worth of material a loss of \$5000-\$10,000 credit.

Recycling Credit Per Ton						
Rates dropped in FY 2012/13 from \$50/ton to \$35/ton						
Rates dropped in FY 2015/16 from \$35/ton to \$25						
Rates dropped in FY 2016/17 from \$25/ton to \$20						
Compost delivered Oct 1, 2015 - June 25, 2016 1,020 tons valued at \$10,200						

Troy continues to recycle more material as indicated in above chart. Recycling has multiple benefits including a cost savings to the City of Troy through the cooperative SOCRRA. The major cost savings

are attributed with reducing the cost of disposal to a landfill and the revenue received from selling the recyclables. Even though we have seen an increase in recycling, the savings have been steady. This is directly associated with an industry reduction in the value of recyclable goods. SOCRRA continues to survey the market to determine who will pay the most for its recyclable goods.

Subject: E-01 PUBLIC HEARING - ZOTA FILE NUMBER ZOTA 249 - ENHANCED CLUSTER OPTION

- Can cluster development be done anywhere that meets the zoning requirement? Or does it have to be in a specific subset of those?
- Is there any empirical data from other communities on what impact will this have on housing values in nearby areas?
- Are there any requirements for new developments to be in any way similar to the existing houses in nearby areas? (e.g. Can a cluster house be built next to a development of primarily large houses)

Response:

- The cluster option is permitted on any property that is zoned R-1A, R-1B, R-1C, R-1D or R-1E and also meets all of the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance, including the cluster provisions.
- We did not conduct a housing value study.

It is intended that cluster developments have no more impact on surrounding properties than traditional by right development, based on the following:

- Troy now has a Tree Protection provisions that encourage tree preservation and require tree replacement.
- Perimeter setbacks are the same for cluster developments as they are for traditional developments.
- Cluster developments require at least 20% open space and incentivize additional open space.

One of the reason for undertaking this effort was to incentivize the construction of smaller homes suitable for empty nesters who want to downsize their homes but remain in Troy. This is a housing option that has been under-delivered by the development community in Troy.

- One of the standards for approval of a cluster development is the following:

The architectural form, scale, and massing shall ensure buildings are compatible with and complementary to those of adjacent properties and the selected building materials are of high, durable quality. The garage shall not be the dominant feature of a residential building.

Subject: I-04 BIG BEAVER TROLLEY PROPOSAL

- I saw estimates for hourly driver expenses, but didn't see anything speaking to what exactly the impact would be from an annual City budget perspective.

- Any ideas on a) which fund b) how much?

Response:

- The personnel costs for the drivers is estimated at \$100,000 annually. The other operating costs will be negotiated with the contract. The funds will be allocated in the General Fund and most likely come from the recreation medi go category.

Subject: I-05 SPR8 BEST VALUE AWARD - EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND FIRST RESPONDER SERVICES

- Is it worth rolling the dice with something as critical as emergency services to save a couple dollars?
- Are the police and fire departments both behind a change this significant?

Response:

- While both providers can commit to the required 8 minute response time for Advanced Life Support ambulance services, In addition to the lower hourly rate for PFR savings, Beaumont Mobile Medicine can commit to a 6 minute response time for ALS at no extra cost to the City.
- Yes. The Police and Fire Departments made up the evaluation team and this is our recommendation, based on the information provided in the bid. As we discussed, this is not an easy decision. Both Alliance and Beaumont are good and capable providers. Beaumont, however, appears to offer the better value for the proposed services.

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