

Meeting of: COLUMBIA HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL
Date of Meeting: February 12, 2018
Time of Meeting: 6:30 PM
Location of Meeting: Conference Room #1
Purpose of Meeting: WORKSESSION

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL - The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

Present: Mayor Schmitt, Councilmembers Williams, Murzyn Jr., Buesgens and Novitsky
Also Present: Kelli Bourgeois; Human Resources Director/Assistant to the City Manager, Kevin Hansen; Public Works Director, Jesse Davies; Administrative Assistant Public Works, and Katie Bruno; City Clerk

1. Discussion of amending Chapter 4 of the Refuse & Recycling Section of the City Code.

Jesse Davies; Administrative Assistant reported staff is proposing changes to Chapter 4 of the City Code. The main goal is to reduce trash disposal, especially since the city pays separately by the ton for disposal (\$75/ton).

The MPCA passed the latest version of the Metro Solid Waste Policy last April. In the document they specify numerous RBMPs (Recycling Best Management Practices), including weekly single-sort recycling, organics recycling, bulk recycling, and the goal to recycle 75% of trash by 2030.

The Council reviewed various RBMPs and decided to keep all current services plus add service for organics collection on the curb, and to reuse/recycle bulk (furniture, mattresses, and carpet) where practicable. In addition, the City will provide a 30 gallon every-other-week trash service option for those who participate in the curbside organics program.

The City will continue to operate weekly recycling center and conduct or coordinate more recycling events.

The primary changes from the previous version are as follows:

- The addition of RBMPs into the suite of municipal provided services.
- An administrative fine has been added for those who dispose of hazardous waste into the refusestream and dumping illegally at the Recycling Center. The ordinance also authorizes a Solid Waste Operations Policy. Davies requested feedback from the council on the draft policy.

Councilmember Buesgens questioned how much trash the City is currently recycling. Davies indicated about 18%.

Mayor Schmitt asked when residents can sign up for the yard waste carts. Davies stated the program begins April 1st, and there will be information in the upcoming newsletter.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:47 PM

Respectively Submitted,



Katie Bruno, Council Secretary/City Clerk