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     Public Works Committee
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Re:  Motions By the Waste Reduction Task Force Regarding Larger Blue Boxes for Curbside Recycling Materials and Capital Budget Request for Waste Collection Pilot - (PW08140) - (City Wide)

Council Direction:
The issue of Larger Blue Boxes for Curbside Recycling Materials was the subject of Information Report PW08112 at the October 6, 2008 Public Works Committee. The Committee recommended, and Council approved, that the report be referred to the SWMMP (Solid Waste Management Master Plan) Steering Committee for further investigation and additional options for consideration and report back to Public Works Committee. As a result the item remains on the Outstanding Business List.

There is no Council direction concerning the capital budget request to carry out a waste collection pilot. Committee was advised that a pilot was being proposed as part of the discussion of Information Report PW08112.

Information:
The information contained in this report has City wide implications.

On October 15, 2008 the Waste Reduction Task Force discussed two (2) items that resulted in motions being passed. The minutes of the October 15, 2008 meeting were included as a Consent item on the November 17, 2008 Public Works Committee agenda.

1. Larger Blue Boxes for Curbside Recycling Materials (PW08112)
The Waste Reduction Task Force expressed an interest in the Information Report on Larger Blue Boxes and discussed the matter and passed the following motion:

("Whereas the Waste Reduction Task Force (WRTF) has reviewed and discussed Information Report PW08112 - Larger Blue Boxes for Curbside Recycling Materials,

And whereas the Blue Boxes are distributed free of charge to residents to encourage recycling,"
And whereas there is no limit on the number of Blue Boxes that can be set out for collection,

The WRTF is resolved that no changes be considered to the current Blue Box system at this time. The WRTF is also resolved that alternative Blue Box containers be considered in the next collection service system review.”

The SWMMP Steering Committee considered the matter briefly and staff will be meeting with Councillor Collins to review the alternatives further prior to a follow-up report to the Public Works Committee.

2. Capital Budget Request for Waste Collection Pilot

The second motion that was passed by the WRTF on October 15, 2008 was:

“Whereas the Waste Reduction Task Force (WRTF) has discussed the scope of the proposed 2009 Collection Pilot and related capital request,

The WRTF is resolved that Council be requested to approve the capital requested to enable the completion of the 2009 Collection Pilot.’’

A capital budget request has been made for a 2009 Collection Pilot to test a new collection system in preparation for the next collection review (commencing in 2010 for implementation in 2013. This request will be dealt with through the capital budget deliberation process and no further action is required of the Public Works Committee at this time.

The minutes of the Waste Reduction Task Force can be received by the Public Works Committee with no further action required.

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