

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING****Call To Order**

The City Council of the City of Katy, Texas, convened in special Workshop session Monday, May 23, 2011, at 5:30 p.m., at Katy Municipal Complex, 910 Avenue C, Katy, Texas. The following City Officials were present:

Don Elder Jr., Mayor  
Hank Schmidt, Mayor Pro Tem  
Carol Adams, Councilmember  
Larry Gore, Councilmember  
Fabol Hughes, Councilmember  
Bill Lawton, Councilmember  
Art Pertile, City Attorney  
Missy Bunch, City Secretary  
Johnny Nelson, City Administrator

The following City Officials were absent:

David Leyendecker, City Engineer

**Discuss Proposed Curbside Recycling**

The purpose of the Workshop was to discuss proposed curbside recycling. David Aguilar, Republic Waste Representative, spoke of the previously presented PowerPoint presentation and the discussions of the size of polycarts, acceptable items, rewards program and days of pickup. Aguilar explained there would be not setup charge, only a \$3.75 per month charge; however, if requested citizens could request additional carts for a fee. He explained the maintenance of the carts would be the responsibility of Republic Waste. Councilmembers asked about the lowering of rates if the program became successful, if the prices were guaranteed for three years and if there would be an out clause. Aguilar explained the rates are guaranteed for one year with potential for an increase based on the consumer index; however, there could be a cap on the increase. Councilmembers asked about the fee being charged for residents if they do not want to participate in the program and if apartment complexes would be included in the proposed program. Aguilar gave examples of several options for apartment complexes, spoke of the polycart chips being associated with specific home addresses and the residents not receiving points if they do not participate. He reported there are approximately 4300 customers within the city limits and commented how the program would keep some of the tonnage from being placed in landfills. Councilmembers asked about various reports associated with the program and Aguilar agreed to provide reports as requested by City Council. Aguilar explained the points received from participation could only be lost if coupons were printed and were not used within 90 days of printing. Aguilar noted there would be no fuel surcharge, residents would have two carts to put out on their regular garbage day and there would be an additional truck gathering trash that was not placed in the carts. It was explained if citizens were charged, it would be included on the monthly utility bill and non-payment would cause utility services to be disconnected. Concern was expressed about the size of carts in relation to the senior citizens. It was anticipated the first year the cost would be approximately \$193,000.00, with discussion on the means to fund the program, such as with citizens paying monthly or the funding with reserve funds. Aguilar believes the average resident would receive \$10.00 to \$12.00 per month in coupons. Councilmember expressed concern with the carts being along the streets at all times. It was

explained the current contract has a three year term with an additional two years. Aguilar explained the recycling program would be a two year contract. It was suggested the City consider a new contract for a new three years, which would include the normal garbage pickup and the recycling program, instead of having two separate contracts. Councilmembers discussed bid process, quotes, user fees, use of reserve funds to pay for the program and concerns for use of reserve funds for day to day operation versus emergency situations. Various tax revenues were discussed. Several Councilmembers believe the City should give back to the citizens by providing this service with no additional charge to them. Councilmember Schmidt commented that this is an increased cost and not to pass that cost on, if we are going to do the program, this would be very irresponsible. The reserves are not built for that Larry.

Adjourn

The Mayor adjourned the workshop at 6:16 p.m.

  
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Mayor

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City Secretary