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Landfill Progress

At the November 27 City Council Meeting, City Finance Director Tim Inch presented the City Council with an update on a variety of matters relating to the Boulder City Landfill. The report addressed the services provided to Obayashi PSM, Health District Inspections, the recently implemented landfill maintenance fees, other issues such as recycling, and a recommendation to contract with a consultant to assist City Staff in developing an approach to manage landfill operations in the future.

Regarding issues with Obayashi PSM, it was reported that the contractor, Waste Logistics, Inc., began pickups in January of 2006 and ended service in September of 2007. During that time a total of 1,880 cubic yards were picked up in 2006 and 1,680 cubic yards were picked up in 2007. Obayashi was charged full price for this service and the City received its share of the revenue in accordance with the contract. Steve Kalish, President of Waste Logistics, stopped providing service to Obayashi in September 2007 when the City Council took no action to approve the company as a contracted user of the landfill.

Reports regarding non-compliance with Health District inspections reveal that the landfill is in violation of two environmental items regarding run off control and intermediate cover conditions. Inch reported that the completion of an operations plan addressing these issues would remove these areas of non-compliance from future inspection reports. The City, Waste Logistics and our consulting re-permitting engineer are working together to resolve these issues with the Health District. The City expects to take care of this matter in the next 90-120 days.

Inch reported that the landfill maintenance fees implemented in the FY 2007-2008 budget are on-target to generate revenue of \$254,000 in required funds to comply with the environmental laws related to the closing of the existing landfill and opening a new one. At the start of the budget year, it was estimated that the City would have to accumulate at least \$250,925 each year to have the more than \$4.8 million on hand to pay these expenses when they are expected to be needed in 16 years.

Inch reported that the contract with Waste Logistics provides for a 50/50 split of net revenues from the recycling program. Operating results for 2006 indicate a net loss for recycling activities. The conversion by Waste Logistics to a single-source recycling method has allowed the commercial cardboard program to be expanded to better serve the business community. It was pointed out that the residential and commercial recycling programs need to be evaluated to develop an effective program that lives up to a "Clean, Green, Boulder City".

During the time that Waste Logistics has operated the landfill, trash dumped into the landfill decreased by 32% decrease in landfill deposits from 35,611 tons to 24,340 tons. Deposits through September of 2007, show tonnage is 12,342, which indicate that there will continue to be a decrease for this year. Inch pointed out that this decrease bears some relationship to the City's efforts as the leading recycling community in Clark County.

At the conclusion of his report, Inch proposed that the City prepare a request to contract with a consultant to assist the City with a review of the existing operations at the landfill, review of the existing contract to update it and make it more manageable, and to provide recommendations to address recycling for both commercial and residential customers.

Encroachment Licenses

At the November 27 City Council Meeting, Bill No. 1526 passed, adopting a new Title 9, Chapter 15, whereby businesses that encroach upon City property need apply for a license. The fee for this "one time" only license was not adopted at this meeting but will be considered at the December 11 City Council Meeting.

In addition to obtaining this "one-time" only license, the business license holder needs to have the City of Boulder City named as an additional insured for \$500,000 each occurrence with a \$1 million aggregate amount. Both Mayor Tobler and City Manager Mayes had spoken to business owners who said this additional insured coverage would not cost them any more in their insurance rates.

Under this Bill, a first violation for non-compliance with the maintenance of the encroachment would receive a warning to comply within 24 hours. Thereafter, a fine of \$50 would be levied for each day of non-compliance.

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Boulder City and BC Disposal Holiday Schedule

The City offices will be closed at noon on Dec. 24, closed all day Dec. 25 and all day Jan. 1, 2008.

Boulder City Disposal will not pick up trash on Dec. 25. They will pick up on the next scheduled day which is Friday, Dec. 28. Please make sure your trash is at the curb by 7 a.m. that day.



Christmas trees can be disposed of in the residential drop-off area during regular business hours from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m., and after hours there will be a dumpster outside the gate available for the trees. Please do not leave trees on the curb. They will not be picked up during regularly scheduled pickups.

GIS: Geographic Information System

What is helping the City track and manage the infrastructure, utilities, parks, irrigation, zoning and land use used to support our City?

The answer is "GIS". What is GIS? It is an Information System, a Geographic Information System.

We are all familiar with the Information System that the federal government keeps on us, called Social Security. A "Geographic" Information System also can be used to keep track of things, "where" attached: a "spatial" component!

Where does the street start? Where does it end? When was the pavement last checked? When was it last swept? These questions and many more can be answered by utilizing a GIS. Of course, the information must be put into the system first!

Boulder City has water, sewer, land use, zoning, parcel ownership and many other layers available in their GIS. Two of our most basic layers come from an "Interlocal" agreement with Clark County: the Parcel Data and Aerial

Photography layers.

The GIS Department downloads, organizes, and documents the available GIS data from Clark County. Some federal GIS data is also obtained for City use from the Bureau of Land Management or the National Park Service.

Maps are made showing the current or planned state of our City. Guidelines for GIS use are suggested to the various City Departments, with the goal in mind to facilitate more enterprise GIS usage.



Training on GIS is also offered and a GIS users group provides a forum for communication of GIS ideas between departments.

Maps! A particularly popular output of this information system is maps. We have a variety of maps available showcasing our data. In the very near future, the City will have a link on the website where residents will be able to view and/or download a variety of maps. Please call David Stegmaier at 293-9415 for further information.

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