

City of Davenport Workshop Minutes of April 4, 2022

Minutes of the Commission Workshop of the City of Davenport, Florida, held Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Room after having been properly advertised with the following members present: Mayor H.B. Robinson and Vice-Mayor Brynn Summerlin and Commission Members: Commissioner Bobby Lynch, Commissioner Tom Fellows and Commissioner Jeremy Clark. Also present: City Manager Kelly Callihan and City Attorney Tom Cloud.

Mayor Robinson declared a quorum present and opened the meeting.

BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION OF REPUBLIC SERVICES CONTRACT

The City Manager explained that he had reached out to Mary Boyer and she had supplied him with a breakdown of all the municipalities and their rates, in comparison to Davenport's. The City was currently paying \$14.54 a month. The City's contract was also up in September. He further outlined that the new rates would be \$20.25 for residential, \$9.00 per yard for commercial, \$45.00 per month for commercial cart; and they were asking for a 10 year contract and a 5% automatic annual price increase.

Republic Services Representative Mary Boyer explained that the city's current trucks were completely depreciated and were 10 to 13 year old trucks. They had modeled this at 10 years by putting all new trucks into the new contract and giving the city the best rate possible by being able to depreciate them over the 10 years. This was the reason for the 10-year contract and to give the City the most favorable rate. She emphasized that this number had not just come out of anywhere. She explained further that commercial rates subsidized residential and for Davenport, residential growth has been outpacing commercial. The City currently had almost 4,000 homes and more going up every day but only had 57 commercial containers. They basically had a stand-alone residential contract and for the last several years has been underperforming at what they would like to see.

She was there to answer any question and if they wanted to get creative, they could look at 3 years and not look at new trucks and keep the trucks they currently had and look at a lower rate.

The City Manager asked how many trucks they ran in the city. Mary responded that there were four (4) separate trucks that ran their routes but was unsure whether there were two (2) residential trucks for their solid waste, but she would get with operations to make sure.

Discussion ensued with the following questions and concerns being voiced:

- Concern with the 25% increase plus an additional 5% increase per year.
- Were they also looking at a CPI increase? Mary responded no.
- Is there a fuel surcharge figured in? Mary answered that it was figured into the 5%.

- If the four (4) old trucks go out whose responsibility would it be to fix them? Mary responded that it would be Republic Services responsibility.
- Sister city rates are lower than theirs. Why do they need to be the ones paying more? It was noted that this was a result of Davenport having more residential than commercial.
- Are the trucks dedicated to only the City? Mary replied that they were.

Brief discussion ensued with the City Commission voicing their objection to a 10 year contract. Staff and the City Commission asked Mary to rerun the model with a 5 year contract using the current trucks; and another model with two (2) new trucks and two (2) of the best trucks that were being used.

Continued discussion followed with the City Commission questioning the possibility of doing their own garbage and getting costs. The City Manager advised that he would check into this.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Vice-Mayor Summerlin and seconded by Commissioner Lynch and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Minutes are true and correct.

Raquel Castillo, City Clerk