

**Staff Responses to Council Questions
July 11, 2017**

6. Consent Agenda

G. Motion: Award \$35,000.00 to Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick, Inc., Elgin, IL, for Native Landscaping and Natural Areas Maintenance and Monitoring

Will this contract include the evaluation of the work in Clyde Estates? If not, can it?

The 2017 contract with HLR does not specifically include work in Clyde Estates. MGA Landscaping, a contractor working on the Clyde Estates construction project, is required to replace plants this year that did not survive or meet the 1-year warranty from the Clyde Estates construction contract and staff is overseeing this work. In 2018 MGA's responsibilities will be complete and if supplemental maintenance or plantings are desired in Clyde Estates this work would likely be done with HLR's assistance.

H. Minutes: Receipt of Minutes of Boards and Commissions

Why an acceptance from a meeting in Aug. 2016? What can be done to procedurally resolve not having meeting drafts linger?

The August 11, 2016 minutes for the Environmental Concerns Commission (ECC) were not approved until the June 8, 2017 ECC meeting. The commission did not hold any meetings in 2016 after the August 11, 2016 and tabled the approval of the August 2016 minutes at the February 9, 2017 meeting to the June 8, 2017 meeting.

8. First Reading

B. Ordinance: Establish a Food and Beverage Tax

Please provide the following information:

West Suburban Communities with Home Rule Sales Tax

West Suburban Communities with Food and Beverage Taxes - Community Wide

West Suburban Communities with Food and Beverage Taxes - BID (or similar) Specific

And, the rates associated with the above.

Community	Home Rule Sales Tax Rate	Food and Beverage Tax Rate	Food and Beverage Tax Rate - BID
Downers Grove	1%	--	--
Elmhurst	1%	1%	--
Naperville	0.50%	1%; 2% in Downtown	--

Glen Ellyn	1%	--	--
Woodridge	0.75%	--	--
Lisle	--	--	--
Westmont	--	1.5%	--
Lombard	1.00%*	2%	1%
Hinsdale	1.00%*	1.00%	--
Clarendon Hills	--	1%	--
Darien	1%	1.25%	--
Willowbrook	--	1%	--

*non-home rule sales tax rate

Why should ice cream and food trucks be exempt? Administratively, what procedural problems exist that might prevent their inclusion?

The Village currently has one licensed food truck. Food trucks are required to pay licensing fees. Therefore, staff did not propose applying the food & beverage tax to food truck sales. There would be a minimal amount of administration work to subject the food truck to the food & beverage tax to the Village.

The Village does not licence ice cream vendors, and there is no tracking mechanism. It may be administratively burdensome to determine which mobile ice cream vendors made sales within Village limits each month and then to collect the food & beverage tax.

What would be involved in taxing vending machines?

The Village does not license vending machines. As such, it would not be possible to determine where the vending machines are located and the ownership arrangement. Therefore, there would be a high degree of inequity in collecting the tax.

This would include weddings etc.?

Yes, banquet facilities would be considered a Retail Food Facility and would be required to pay the tax.

Animal Boarding Tax

What would happen if the Village enacted a tax on the overnight boarding of animals? How many boarding units are located in the Village? Assuming 50% average daily occupancy and a

\$1 per night charge, how much revenue would be generated?

Animal Boarding Facility	# of Units	Annual Revenue Assuming 50% avg. occupancy and \$1 per night tax
Belle Aire Kennels, 4205 Belle Aire Lane	70	\$12,775
Cedar Lane Kennels, 6901 Dunham Road	60	\$10,950
Doggie Depot, 635 Rogers Street	100	\$18,250
Downers Grove Animal Hospital, 635 Ogden	12	\$2,190
Downers Grove Animal Clinic, 941 63rd St.	60	\$10,950
Paws in Paradise, 5108 Thatcher Road	135	\$24,638
The Dog Spot, 909 Ogden Avenue	No response	--
Total	437	\$79,752

C. Resolution: Authorize an Agreement with Allied Waste Services of North America, LLC
Talk of composting. What would they do, what is involved? The Village allows composting but what are the regulations and enforcement problems to prevent “amateur” composters creating nuisance situations and treating compost piles as substitute garbage dump?

The composting program that Village staff is working with Republic Services and the ECC to develop would involve the use of separate carts specifically designated for certain food scraps, organic material and yard waste. Households would voluntarily participate and pay an additional fee for this service. The contents would be deposited by Republic Services at a designated composting facility, once all necessary IEPA permits are obtained. It would not involve residents composting on their property in a manner that would create nuisance conditions.

Why don't specific provisions about the composting program appear in the contract?

Village staff is continuing to work with Republic Services and the ECC on the specific aspects of the composting program. Republic Services has indicated that they are in the process of obtaining permits from the IEPA and expect that process to be completed within 6-9 months. During this time, staff will continue to work with the ECC and Republic Services to finalize all aspects of the program. Since the composting program is voluntary and will not affect other provisions of the contract terms, staff did not want to hold up Council consideration of the contract while this program is being fully developed. Once completed, staff will bring the recommended program back to Council for consideration.

Minimum Cost per Household if utilizing vendor provided containers.

Republic Services offers residents three different sized carts to collect solid waste.

Approximately half of Village residents utilize carts. See the table below for the cost per household (HH) for cart rental per month during each year of the proposed five-year contract.

	Year 1 4/01/18- 3/31/19	Year 2 4/01/19- 3/31/20	Year 3 4/01/20- 3/31/21	Year 4 4/01/21- 3/31/22	Year 5 4/01/22- 3/31/23
35-gal.	\$17.34	\$17.69	\$18.04	\$18.40	\$18.77
65-gal.	\$19.73	\$20.12	\$20.53	\$20.94	\$21.36
95-gal.	\$25.82	\$26.34	\$26.86	\$27.40	\$27.95

Rate if all customers were required to utilize vendor provided containers.

Rate if paid by the Village of Downers Grove through property taxes.

Cost per Typical/Average household if paid through property taxes based on currently proposed rates, and what the cost would be if there were a price reduction for going through the Village.

Responses to these three questions would require Village staff to work with Republic Services to determine the costs and rates for a program that is structured differently than the one that currently exists. If the Village Council were to direct staff to undertake this process, it could be completed. At this point, negotiations with Republic have been based on obtaining pricing for continuation of the current sticker-based program.

Staff did inquire as to whether there are any other comparable programs that are structured in a manner as described by these questions. The program currently in place in Elmhurst met most of these criteria. In Elmhurst, all households covered under the contract select either a 65- or 95-gallon refuse cart and also receive a 65-gallon recycling cart. Residents pay through the City’s utility bill and the City makes a payment to Republic for the costs of the service. Below are the current costs for households in Elmhurst:

65 Gallon (Monthly)	\$17.76
95 Gallon (Monthly)	\$23.00
Sticker Price	\$3.25

Republic Services officials have indicated that the costs paid by the City of Elmhurst directly to Republic are approximately \$1.00 per month per household less than the monthly charge to each household. The difference covers the administrative costs incurred by the City.

Cost reduction if Amnesty Day were eliminated.

Staff has not negotiated this aspect of the contract with Republic Services. Staff could negotiate this pricing adjustment if directed by Village Council.

Personally, I would like to see another Amnesty Day somewhere in there. What would added costs or options be?

Staff could explore options for increasing the number of Amnesty Day events in the contract if directed by Village Council. Alternatively, the Village could opt to pay directly for this service and obtain pricing from Republic Service during the budget process in any year during the term of the contract.

Details on Amnesty Day. Are materials collected, and sorted? Any materials recycled? Does anything collected on Amnesty Day avoid the landfill?

No material picked up by Republic Services is sorted or recycled on Amnesty Day. It is all hauled to the landfill. Residents are encouraged to take material to local reuse/recycling facilities or events prior to disposing it as part of Amnesty Day.

Cost of doubling the downtown recycling containers.

The annual cost of the current program is \$9,900. It includes twice weekly collection and disposal of materials from 15 recycling containers in the Downtown area.

Please let me know how this service is structured (in light of the above/our current proposal and costs) for the following communities:

<i>Community</i>	<i>Description (summary of each program type appears below)</i>	<i>Website Link</i>
Wheaton	RFID-Based Tipping-Fee Program	<u>Click Here</u>
Elmhurst	Modified-Volume Based (Cart)	<u>Click Here</u>
Glen Ellyn	Modified-Volume Based (Cart)	<u>Click Here</u>
Westmont	Flat-fee with Commercial Franchise	<u>Click Here</u>
Lisle	Volume-Based (Sticker) or Modified-Volume Based (Cart) with multi-family residential franchise	<u>Click Here</u>

Woodridge	Volume-Based (Sticker) or Modified-Volume Based (Cart)	Click Here
Lombard	Modified-Volume Based (Cart) with commercial franchise	Click Here

RFID-Based Tipping-Fee Program - Households select from refuse and recycling carts of various sizes. Carts are picked up and electronically scanned by collection vehicles using radio frequency identification (RFID) technology. Households are charged each time garbage or recycling carts are picked up and scanned.

Modified-Volume Based (Cart) - Households select from refuse and typically receive a recycling carts as well. Residents pay a flat amount per month based on the size of the refuse cart. Stickers are typically required for additional refuse beyond the capacity of the cart.

Volume-Based (Sticker) - Households purchase stickers to affix to bags or cans that meet certain size and weight requirements. Recycling is disposed of in bins or recycling carts, depending on the community.

Flat-fee - Residents are charged for the service on the utility bill. Collection occurs by standard size cart (95-gallon). Residents can opt for a smaller cart size, but the monthly charge remains the same. The contract includes collection by the contracted hauler for commercial establishments in the community.

Commercial or Multi-family residential franchise - The contract includes these uses in addition to single-family residential. In Downers Grove most multi-family residential and commercial properties can select from among 7 disposal companies holding scavenger licenses to obtain the most competitive pricing and the program that best meets their needs.

Attachments

rRemarks are attached



rRemarks Data for July 11, 2017 Village Council Meeting

Agenda Section	Agenda Item	Comment	Commenter
Active Agenda	A. MOT 2017-7416 A motion authorizing the preliminary design of public sidewalks in the northwest Belmont area	Just a note to say I am strongly in favor of pursuing the design and installation of sidewalks for the NW Belmont area. Installing sidewalks in this area would greatly improve safety in this neighborhood, as well as enhance connectivity in the community by linking the area to Henry Puffer, the metra station, the Belmont Prairie, the DG Golf Course, and the Rec center. Local residents and visitors of all ages would most certainly benefit from this necessary improvement. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration on this motion.	Raegan Cates, 2537 Indianapolis Ave., Downers Grove
Active Agenda	A. MOT 2017-7416 A motion authorizing the preliminary design of public sidewalks in the northwest Belmont area	Thank you for addressing the safety needs in the Northwest Belmont area. I want to be on record as being strongly in support of the addition of sidewalks to the neighborhood. My family and neighbors look forward to the many benefits that sidewalks offer such as a safe passage to school, shopping, and other area attractions and a better sense of community. Sidewalks will foster a healthy sense of a community as neighbors will spend more time outside walking and interacting with each other.	Aaron Cates
Active Agenda	A. MOT 2017-7416 A motion authorizing the preliminary design of public sidewalks in the northwest Belmont area	As we are unable to attend the village meeting we wanted to make sure our desire for sidewalks in the neighborhood is noted. We are first and foremost concerned with the safety of the residents who walk dogs, walk with children, ride bikes and walk to the various locations surrounding the neighborhood. We want all to have the capacity to do so in a safe manner. Particularly the children who walk to bus stops and/or Puffer school. The traffic in this area continues to grow as more people utilize the Belmont Metra station as well as other surrounding businesses, parks, etc. I also think sidewalks can connect us further as a neighborhood and community. I grew up in a very small town in Central IL and did not have sidewalks in majority of our village. It wasn't something that bothered me greatly when we purchased our home. It did bother my husband... My opinion has changed immensely given the increased traffic in this area and growth of the neighborhood. These reasons definitively warrant sidewalks to ensure the safety of the residents and visitors. Thanks you for the consideration to this very necessary request.	Jackie Olkiewicz, 4506 Drendel Road, Downers Grove