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Honorable City Council:

Re: Trash Hauling Contracts – Summary of Outreach and Survey Results

The Administration, working in partnership with Your Honorable Body, has been committed to obtaining an understanding of how much value the residents of Detroit placed on the conversion of all trash collection services to weekly, to include bulky waste, yard waste, and recyclables. Since the contracts were originally put in front of the City Council in November 2023, we have held nine (9) community meetings and conducted two (2) separate surveys to understand residents' preferences for the level of trash service, as well as understanding if there was an appetite to help pay for the additional services via a modest increase to the solid waste annual fee.

Results of our efforts include:

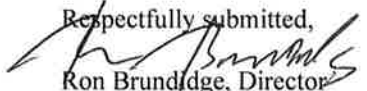
- 1,476 people attended community meetings.
- 13,000+ responses were received to the 1st survey.
- 9763 responses received to date to the 2<sup>nd</sup> survey.
- Surveys and community meetings results were similar – overwhelming support for conversion to weekly service.
- Community meeting results – almost unanimous support for weekly service
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Survey results – over 75% of responses were supportive of weekly service.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Survey results – of responses (7,382) that preferred weekly service, 72% indicated support for a modest \$10/year fee increase for three years.
- Responses were received from residents in all 31 of the city's zip codes. The number of responses varied for each zip code and are shown in the attached document.

There were also questions raised regarding the feasibility of having city employees perform the work. We are not proposing in-house services at this time. However, it is important to note that both contractors have committed to hiring Detroiters to perform the work.

- Waste Management – 57 of the 81 employees that service the city's contract are Detroit residents; they expect to hire an additional 24 employees for the additional service level.
- Priority Waste has committed to working with Detroit At Work to identify as many Detroit residents as possible to perform this work; they expect to hire 100+ employees.

Please utilize the above information as you deem fit, while you consider the contracts in front of you. As always, I am available to answer any questions that you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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