WORKSESSION AGENDA
CITY OF CREVE COEUR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
300 N NEW BALLAS ROAD
Monday, June 14, 2010
6:00 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Trash and Recycling Fee Proposal.
   Summary: The proposed FY 2011 budget contains news fees for trash and recycling service. Continued discussion of this proposal.

Pursuant to Section 610.022 RSMo., the City Council could, at any time during the meeting, vote to close the public meeting and move to closed session to discuss matters relating to litigation, legal actions and/or communications from the City Attorney as provided under Section 610.021(1) RSMo. and/or personal matters under Section 610.021(13) RSMo. And/or employee matters under Section 610.021(3) RSMo. and/or real estate matters under Section 610.021(2) or other matters as permitted by Chapter 610.

Posted: ________________________ posted 6/10/2010
Deborah Ryan, MRCC
City Clerk

April 26, 2010

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Mark Perkins, City Administrator

Re: Trash and Recycling Service

Over the past several months, city staff has been considering a variety of options for balancing the city's budget not only in Fiscal Year 2011, but well beyond this date. I have previously submitted an outline of possible expenditure reductions and revenue enhancements for the City Council to consider. Over the last year, we have eliminated five full time positions, and elimination of an additional position is planned for the next fiscal year. We are exploring joint partnership opportunities which could result in savings while maintaining our existing service levels.

The $1.3 million annual cost of trash and recycling services comprises almost 9% of the city's general fund budget and one-third of our non-personnel budget.

While it was commonplace among cities in the St. Louis region to pay for trash and recycling services through taxes, over the last thirty years most municipalities have moved to user fees to cover this cost. The City of Creve Coeur currently utilizes user fees in a variety of areas, including building inspections, development and zoning application processing, rental of community center facilities, dog park usage and false alarm service fees. Other city services, such as leaf and limb service would be more difficult to implement a user fee on, as the city does not currently have the administrative infrastructure in place to handle such large-scale billing and collection. Still other services, such as most police services, are not readily conducive to user fees.

Trash and recycling services lend themselves well to user fees, as this service is handled via a contract with a private hauler and the service provider has the administrative capacity to handle billing on a wide-scale basis. User fees are the most common means of funding trash and recycling service among suburban cities in our region.

Moving all, or a portion of, trash and recycling costs to a fee basis will significantly improve the city's long-range ability to balance its budget, as the five-year projections included in the proposed budget will demonstrate.

Two options to consider:

- ***Maintain existing service levels consisting of rear yard trash and curbside recycling, and establishing user fees;*** Under this option, no changes in service would occur, and residents would continue to use their *own* trash containers.

- o A fee of $10 per month will cover 50% of the total cost of rear yard trash and curbside recycling, or $650,000 annually. This fee is reflected in the proposed FY11 budget, in the form of a reduction in trash and recycling costs, effective October 1, 2010.
- o A fee of $20 per month will cover 100% of the total cost of rear yard trash and curbside recycling.
- o All billing would be handled by Allied Waste, on a quarterly basis for an administrative fee ($1.30 per quarter) included in the above cost estimates.
- o The city's current contract with Allied Waste expires June 30, 2012. At that time, the city can re-bid its trash and recycling services, and re-evaluate whether to continue with the existing service levels or consider a change to curbside with a resident option for rear yard. Upon establishment of a new contract in 2012, we will want to consider removing condominiums from the contract, as this service is significantly different from single-family.
- o Staff will use the city newsletter, web site, and press releases to remind all residents of the level of service (rear yard) which is provided under the contract and encourage all residents to utilize this service

- ***Amending existing rear yard trash service to curbside, and establishing user fees.***

  - o A fee of $7.50 per month will cover 50% of the total cost of curbside trash and curbside recycling; a fee of $15 will cover 100% of the total cost.
  - o Residents would have the option of obtaining rear yard trash service for a fee of $30 per month. This fee is established in the city's 2007 contract with Allied Waste.
  - o Our existing contact requires Allied to continue to provide rear yard service to residents with disabilities, even if the city opts to change the standard service to curbside, upon submission of a doctors' note to the hauler; seniors would be a provided a 20% discount on the rear yard service fee.
  - o Allied has proposed the distribution of trash toters for curbside recycling, either 90 gallon or 65 gallon, for purposes of automation.
  - o The Recycling, Environment and Beautification Committee (REB) has recommended that the city move to curbside trash service.

To ease the transition to a fee-based system for trash and recycling, consideration can be given to reducing the residential property tax rate from $.086 to $.043 per $100 assessed value.

Next Steps

If either option is chosen, our next steps will include the following:

- Prepare an ordinance establishing fees for service;
- Begin a public information effort to advise residents of the pending change, effective date, fees, etc.

City staff looks forward to discussing this issue in greater detail during the budget review process.

September 22, 2009

Mr. Mark Perkins
City Administrator
City of Creve Coeur
300 North New Ballas Road
Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Dear Mr. Perkins;

I am writing you today to discuss the solid waste contract between the City of Creve Coeur, Missouri and Allied Waste Services LLC.

The contract that was signed July 1, 2007, has a current cost to the City for rear yard solid waste service and curbside recycle service, 2007 bid price plus year two 4% increase that was tied to the CPI-Transportation as stated in the contract document.

Current:

The bid price for sold waste rear yard was for $13.92 per month x 5,520 units x 12 months = $922,060.80 (2007 Cost) The Year two cost was increased by the CPI-Transportation which exceeded the 4% cap, thus increasing the cost by 4%. The new rate of $14.48 per month x 5,520 units x 12 months = $959,155.20.

The bid price for recycle curbside was for a bag program at a cost to the City of $3.82 per month x 5,520 units x 12 months = $253,036.80. Year two increase was 4%. The City and Allied Waste as of August 1, 2009 agreed to enter into provision of a 65-gallon container serviced curbside at a rate determined by the existing contract of $4.19 per month x 5,520 units x 12 months = $277,545.60

There was NO INCREASE for year 2009, the CPI – Transportation offered no increase.

Presently Solid Waste Rear Yard and Recycle Curbside =

$18.67 per month x 5,520 units x 12 months = $1,236,700.80

PROPOSED:

The contract that was signed July 1, 2007, stated a cost for curbside service:

Item I – Solid Waste

Sec: 2

Article a. Single Family Including Condos, pick up solid waste once per week, **(Curbside Pick Up).**

Cost: (2007) Monthly Cost: $8.96 x 5,520 units x 12 months = Annual Cost $593,510.40

ALLIED WASTE SERVICES

The annual cost increase of the contract agreement was based on the CPI – Transportation, with a 4% cap as stated in the contract document. The 4% cap was used.

Cost (2008) Monthly Cost $9.32 x 5,520 units x 12 months = Annual Cost $617,356.80

Cost (2009) NO INCREASE per the agreed upon cost formula in the contract document.

Allied Waste Services LLC would like to propose a curbside service program that will include a container (65-Gallon) for recycling and a container (95-Gallon) for solid waste. The City would agree to extend the contract until June 30, 2015, with options to extend beyond that date by mutual agreement between the City and Allied.

Begin: Date ______________, Curbside Solid Waste & Recycle with carts $14.26

$14.26 per month x 5,520 units x 12 months = $945,907.20

($9.32 Trash + $4.19 Recycle + $.75 Trash Carts) $14.26

With yearly cost increases by CPI – Trash, with a floor of 2% and a cap of 4%.

Trash Cart Formula:

$45.00 per cart x 5,520 units = $248,400.00 / 5 years = $49,680.00 / 5,520 units = $9.00 / 12 months = $.75

Cost Saving Annual To City $290,793.60

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March 4, 2010

The Honorable Mayor Dielmann and City Council
300 N New Ballas Road
Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Dear Mayor Dielmann and City Council Members,

At our March 3, 2010 meeting, the Recycling Environment & Beautification Committee made the following motion:

It is the recommendation of the Recycling, Environment & Beautification Committee that City Council takes into consideration the following comments when considering changes to trash services:

1. According to Allied Waste, curbside pickup idle time averages 37 seconds per household as compared to an average rear yard pickup idle time of 2 minutes per household.
2. The reduced time that trucks will be in service in our community under a curbside service proposal is beneficial to the environment and the aesthetics of our neighborhoods.
3. Allied Waste stated that the newer trucks used in curbside service are more energy efficient.
4. A standardized container for trash will be provided to each household under a curbside service proposal, which provides a cleaner and more cohesive appearance to the community.
5. Use of a 65 gallon trash toter will encourage further recycling in Creve Coeur.

In consideration of these issues, the Recycling, Environment & Beautification Committee unanimously recommends curbside trash pickup.

Thank you for considering our comments on this topic.

Sincerely,

Susan Baseley
Chair, Recycling Environment & Beautification Committee

Recycling, Environment & Beautification Committee
Meeting Summary

Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2010
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Creve Coeur Government Center
Date Prepared: March 4, 2010
Prepared By: Melissa C. Weiss
Public Information Officer & Management Analyst

Committee Members In attendance: Sue Baseley (Chair), Dan Tierney (Vice-Chair), Joan McNulty, Elizabeth Callahan, Doug Wolter, Claire Chosid, Pattye Taylor-Phillips (left at 5:40 pm) and Fran Cantor.
Absent: Judy Pass, Linda Kline and Tracey Grass.
Guests: None.
Staff members: Melissa C. Weiss, Public Information Officer & Management Analyst and Mark Perkins, City Administrator (4:35 – 5:10 pm).

Action Items

Who	What	By When
REB Committee Members	Copy Melissa Weiss on all REB Correspondence	Always
REB Committee Members	Meet at Government Center at noon on Sunday, March 7 for Spring Seminar	March 7

Key Decisions:

- Dan Tierney moved to approve the meeting minutes dated February 3, 2010. The motion was seconded by Doug Wolter. Sue Baseley recommended amending the minutes on page 2, to change the words standard sized toter to 90-gallon toter in the last sentence of the first bullet point. Sue Baseley recommended amending the meeting minutes on page 4 to change the word arrive to leave in the fourth bullet under Spring Seminar. The motion to approve the minutes as amended passed with 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.
- Dan Tierney moved to recommend to the City Council: It is the recommendation of the Recycling, Environment & Beautification Committee that City Council taken into consideration the following comments when considering changes to trash services:
    - The reduced times that trucks will be in service in our community under a curbside service proposal is beneficial to the environment.
    - According to Allied Waste, with curbside pickup idle time is an average of 37 seconds per household as compared to an average rear yard pickup idle time of 2 minutes per household.
    - Allied Waste stated that the newer trucks used in curbside service are more energy efficient.
    - A standardized container for trash will be provided to each household under a curbside service proposal, which provides a cleaner and more cohesive appearance in the community.
    - Use of a 65 gallon trash toter will encourage further recycling in Creve Coeur.
    - In consideration of these issues, the Recycling, Environment & Beautification Committee recommends curbside trash pickup.

  The motion was seconded by Doug Wolter and approved with 7 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstain.

Key Discussion:

- **Sue Baseley called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.**

Update on Waste Receptacle Storage Ordinance

- **Melissa Weiss stated that the waste receptacle storage ordinance passed with one amendment. The ordinance requires that all waste receptacles are stored behind the front building face of the home. City Council removed the restriction that they be stored within 5 feet of the home or a storage structure.**

Spring Seminar

- **Sue Baseley asked that everyone tell their friends and family about the event. Baseley also stated that John May had taken the plastic water bottles home and washed them. May will also be bringing cookies to the event.**
- **Melissa Weiss stated that emails went out to subdivision trustees about the event and also the city's listserv.**
- **Claire Chosid stated that she has completed the poster for the beautification awards booth.**

Trash Service Options

- **Mark Perkins stated that the Committee has a spreadsheet that outlines the current services and three options for trash services. The second and third option both keep service at status quo and offer different methods to finance the service. These are not the only options, but they are black and white because they are either written into our current contract or in the case of the curbside service option, the numbers are from a written proposal from Allied Waste. Variations from these options will bring us into negotiations with Allied Waste. City Council will be discussing these options and will be looking for comments from this Committee.**
- **Elizabeth Callahan asked if residents were charged a monthly fee, how it will be collected. Mark Perkins responded it would be in the form of a quarterly bill from Allied Waste.**
- **Claire Chosid asked what feedback the city had received from residents. Mark Perkins responded that he will be addressing this and other financial issues in his column in the April/May edition of the newsletter. Also, in May and June residents will have the opportunity to make public comment before City Council at the public hearings for the budget.**
- **Pattye Taylor-Phillips asked when the changes would go into effect. Mark Perkins responded that there is no specific date yet. At the earliest, it would be late 2010 because the city will need time to notify residents.**
- **Dan Tierney stated that there are other options not covered by the spreadsheet. For example, if the city cost shared the trash services with residents for $5/month instead of $10/month. This would not place as much of a burden on residents and the city would still save $325,000 a year. Tierney stated that the curbside proposal has the benefit of gaining a toter, the third and fourth options presented do not have a clear benefit, but residents have to pay for the service. Mark Perkins stated that the positive of those options is maintaining rear yard service. Tierney stated that he was not sure the REB should make a recommendation on a financial issue, but he thinks the Committee should make a recommendation on the environmental aspect of the issue – going to curbside service is favorable to the**

environment. Claire Chosid stated that she agrees that the Committee should consider the environmental aspects.

- **Fran Cantor asked what Ladue does for trash service and Mark Perkins stated that the residents pay for their service.**
- **Sue Baseley stated that the REB Committee has previously recommended shifting to curbside service.**
- **Claire Chosid stated that she doesn't see how you can say that it is not a good idea for the city to save money.**
- **Elizabeth Callahan stated that the Mayor has always said that rear yard trash service is a perk of living in Creve Coeur.**
- **Fran Cantor stated that she thinks we should go with curbside service. Is it possible to lock us into the $30/month upgrade charge? Mark Perkins stated that each year Allied Waste can increase their prices by up to 4%, based on the CPI increase. This past year, there was no increase.**
- **Sue Baseley stated that she is hearing that the Committee wants to develop a statement to provide to City Council on this issue.**
- **Claire Chosid stated that in her opinion given the environmental impact of the older trucks that having newer, more energy efficient trucks will save time and gas. Chosid stated that she has no problem taking her trash to the curb because she already takes her recycling and yard waste to the curb. The environmental factors make it the right thing to do.**
- **Dan Tierney stated that he thinks the Committee should keep the comments environmental. Moving to curbside service will be more efficient and environmentally friendly.**

<u>Beautification Awards</u>

- **Sue Baseley stated that she would like the beautification booth to have a poster with pictures and the sign up form. Claire Chosid volunteered to create the poster.**
- **Sue Baseley stated that we will have water available and water bottles for people to drink out of. John May stated that he will pick up the water bottles and take them home to wash them before the event. Baseley asked if we would have cookies this year. City staff will review the budget to see if there is enough money for cookies.**
- **Judy Pass requested nametags for the Committee members and a sign in sheet for event attendees.**
- **John May recommended that someone stand at the door and handout trees as attendees leave the event.**
- **City staff provided an update on the organizations participating in the EXPO, the publicity and the handouts.**

<u>Beautification Awards</u>

- **Sue Baseley stated that she had a list of recommendations the Committee made in 2008 for the 2010 awards:**
    - **Ensure that nomination names and addresses are typed into the scoring sheets.**
    - **Ask the Mayor if it is okay to bring a cooler of water on the bus.**
    - **Place finalist signs closer to the right-of-way.**
    - **Add to judging criteria: design & use of natives.**
    - **Nominate 827 Angletree Drive, Mike and Helene Siegfried on Fairways, Pulaski Bank, Covenant Seminary, Drury Inn and Ken Balk in Mystic Meadows.**

- **Pattye Taylor-Phillips asked if the Committee still wanted a Spring Garden category for the awards. The Committee agreed it should be removed.**
- **The Committee discussed removing subdivision interest because in the past the city has received very few nominations in this category, but decided to keep it.**
- **Sue Baseley stated that the beautification timeline is:**
    - **Put an article in the April newsletter.**
    - **Send out press releases.**
    - **In April, May and June collect nominations.**
    - **In May ask the Mayor to arrange for the bus.**
    - **The deadline for submissions should be one week before the finalist meeting.**
    - **In July, the city will mail letters to all the finalists.**
    - **The tour will take place in August, with a lunch at the Government Center after.**
    - **A bathroom stop should be included on the tour.**
    - **The city will order plaques in time for the December dinner.**
    - **In September the Committee will de-brief the tour and make recommendations for the next awards.**

Shakespeare Festival

- **Dan Tierney stated that it is scheduled in Millennium Park on June 19 – 20. Festivities begin at 4:00 and the performance at 7:00 pm. In case of inclement weather, the Tappmeyer House will be used. St. Andrews Academy has offered their parking lot and also their gym for the festival in case there is rain.**

SLOOP

- **Sue Basely handed out information on a fundraiser opportunity for public art, called SLOOP. A location is chosen to have a soup dinner and artists bring art to display. Attendees pay $10 and receive a bowl of soup and can then vote on the best art. The winning artist gets the money raised to develop their artwork and the art would go to the city. Dan Tierney recommended that this idea be passed along to the Public Art Task Force.**

Community Garden

- **Sue Baseley asked when the Community Garden would be tilled. Melissa Weiss stated it would be in late March or early April.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2010 at 4:30 pm.

ALTERNATIVES FOR EXPENDITURE REDUCTIONS

AND REVENUE ENHANCEMENTS

Below is an outline of alternatives for both expenditure reductions and revenue enhancements. The city's operating deficits are projected as follows, based on 2009 projections:

FY 2012 - $920,000

FY 2014 - $2,000,000

Expenditures

1. Service Levels and Funding Alternatives

    a. Trash and recycling

        i. Change point of collection for trash from rear yard to curb side (rear yard option available for fee); proposal received from hauler; rear yard option fee is $30 per month. Residents would be required to use a hauler-provided trash toter. Annual savings: $290,000

        ii. Retain existing rear yard trash and curbside recycling service; direct billing of residents for a portion or all of total cost of approximately $20 per month (includes $1.30 per quarter administrative billing fee)

            - Savings to city based on 75% city funding / 25% user fee: $325,000
            - Savings to city based on 50% city funding / 50% user fee: $650,000
            - Savings to city based on 100% user fee: $1,300,000

    b. Leaf vacuuming

        i. Total Cost of leaf vacuuming service is $330,000 annually including both hard and soft costs; soft costs include staff salaries and equipment that would need to be retained for other services if leaf vacuuming service is eliminated. Total savings if the program is eliminated: $189,000

        ii. Reduce service to 2 collections in fall, 1 time in spring; savings: $90,000

        iii. Consider user fee, but thereby creating a significant administrative billing and collection process; savings would be less new administrative costs associated with billing and collection, loss of efficiency due to serving only subscribing homes.

    c. Limb chipping

        i. Total Cost of limb chipping service is $275,000 annually including both hard and soft costs; soft costs include staff salaries and equipment that would need to be retained for other services if limb chipping service is eliminated. Total savings if the program is eliminated: $181,000

d. Snow removal on private streets

   i. consider discontinuing this service or establishing user fee - $41,000

2. Opportunities for Joint Service arrangements with other cities, St. Louis County and outsourcing exist in a variety of areas. Savings: $50,000 to $300,000;

   a. The city is one of 12 charter members to a new municipal self-insurance health pool, effective July 1, 2009

   b. Staff is actively pursuing service areas for joint services

3. Wages and Benefits

   a. Reduce salary increases or freeze salaries; For FY 2010, salary increases were reduced to avg. of 3%. Salary increases to be further reduced or eliminated in FY 2011. Each 1% of salary increase costs approximately $65,000.

   b. increase employee share of health insurance benefit cost

      i. For FY 2010, employee share for dependent coverage increased from 16% to 20%, resulting in savings of $23,000.

      ii. Effective January 1, employee share for dental coverage is proposed to increase from 17.5% to 24% for single, and 23.7% to 27.5% for dependents.

   c. Freeze Longevity pay; New hires are no longer eligible for longevity pay, a freeze would accelerate annual cost savings; savings: $5,000.

   d. Reduce vacation buyback from 2 weeks to 1 week; Savings: $13,000

   e. Eliminate P&Z and BOA Board Member Salaries; Savings: $9,000

4. Other

   a. Reduce fleet of 2-ton trucks - review of public works vehicle fleet is underway, to reduce ongoing operating and maintenance costs; Savings: to be determined.

   b. energy efficiency improvements – city is lead agency on a multi-city grant to replace lighting fixtures, estimated payback of investment to occur within 2.5 years;

   c. Reduce Staffing levels through attrition

      i. FY 2010 budget included 4.5 fewer full-time positions for savings of $300,000;

      ii. Additional opportunities for staff reductions through attrition are limited without affecting service levels. Savings resulting from eliminating 2 additional positions: $125,000

   d. Reduce printing of newsletter from monthly to bi-monthly, issuing the newsletter in electronic form in the other months. Savings: $20,000

e. Special Event Activities

   i. Reduce annual commissions dinner to reception; Savings: $3,000; savings if event is eliminated entirely: $8,000

   ii. Flicks on the Fairway to be held only upon full sponsorship; Savings: $2,000

Alternatives for Revenue Increases

1. Adjust fees for community center, Golf and Ice (completed annually)

   a. Increase to most golf course fees effective January 1, 2010, projected to increase revenue by $40,000;

   b. Ice arena fees are currently under review.

2. Business License Compliance Audit – conducted in fall 2008; collection process under way: potential additional revenue: $30,000

3. Review building permit fees – currently underway

4. Consider increase to business license fee schedule (voter approval required); potential additional revenue: $200,000 to $400,000

5. In lieu of a business license fee increase, consider an increase in the commercial gross receipts tax from 7% to 8 or 9%. potential revenue: $170,000 for each 1% increase for electric only.

6. Consider one-quarter center local option sales tax (voter approval required); potential additional revenue; $850,000

7. Implement new user fees for trash, recycling, etc. as indicated above.

Prepared by:

Mark Perkins, City Administrator

Dan Smith, Director of Finance

December 3, 2009 (Updated February 19, 2010)

BUDGET ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

REVENUE ENHANCEMENTS

Increase Sales tax by amount sufficient to cover 1910/1914 shortfall

Increase Business License fees

Initiate tax incentives for new businesses

Initiate hotel/motel occupancy fees.

Provide tax incentives for renewable energy businesses

Charge auto license fees for vehicles garaged within city

Initiate fees for elective cosmetic surgery

Increase real property tax rates

Initiate personal property tax

Initiate liquor license tax

Initiate cigarette tax

Install additional red light cameras

Install cameras/programs to record speeding motorists

Increase golf, ice and park use fees

Increase rental fees for use of government center and Recreation center space

Increase building inspection fees

More stringent traffic enforcement

Start pressing for "Star-Ohio" type program for cash funds Management

Explore with Boundary Commission annexation of areas north Of Olive Blvd

Initiate Use Tax for items in excess of $2000

Transfer tax for sale of property

Admissions and amusement tax

Initiate Health/Solid Waste/Museums tax ($0.40 per $100 assessed value

EXPENDITURE REDUCTIONS

Staffing/payroll adjustments

Staff medical plan adjustments

Drop rear residential service for trash and recycling

Consolidate dispatching services with neighboring municipalities

Move traffic court fee servicing in house

Revise street remediation target from 80% to 75%

Charge for private street snow plowing, leaf pickup and limb chipping and disposal

Charge residents for leaf pickup and limb chipping

Publish the Newsletter online only

Note – The Perkins/Smith memo of December 3, 2009 shall be attached and made a part hereof.

Submitted by Steve Edelstein, Chair

Susie Edelstein

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Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2010 5:19 PM
Subject: THE TRASH/RECYCLING ISSUE

Dear friends -

Another option to consider on resolving the fiscal constraints posed by our current trash/recycling services: all single-family residences would continue to curbside pickup services provided by the city. Each subdivision (10 or more homes) would have the option of contracting for rear yard service at a price that might be established in the municipal agreement with the service provider. The foregoing shall be contingent upon voter approval of an additional one-quarter cent operating sales tax increase in the near future. It can reasonably be expected that the annual cost for a two person household would amount to less than $25 per year for that residence. This would produce approximately $850,000 additional revenue for the city, while costing our residents less than $200,000. The balance would be produced by visitors who daily avail themselves of our facilities and services. With the additional 1/4 cent increase, Creve Coeur would still be at the low end of sales tax rates when compared to comparable neighboring municipalities.

What shall we have accomplished?

1) The $850,000 produced by 1/4 cent sales tax increment would cover almost the complete cost of curbside service. The estimated $25 annual cost per household is based upon a very generous two person annual outlay of $10,000.

2) Having those who elect to have rear yard service pay an additional fee would level the playing field; you want a premium service, you pay for that special handling.

3) Putting this matter on the ballot is pure and simple democracy in action. Those folks who, after having the matter explained fully to them, voted NO on the sales tax issue shall be in no position to complain about spending $240 rather than $25 per annum for this service.

4) The increased sales tax level in no way puts the city in the position of being a "high tax" municipality. We'll still be at the low end or in the middle of all categories.

5) Folks who come into Creve Coeur and trade with our merchants will simply be paying their fair share of our street, police and services that we provide.

6) In the event the sales tax issue fails at the polling booth, the city can then consider the option of having trash/recycling being handled on a fee for service basis.

The above is being offered be me as a citizen of Creve Coeur, not in my role as a member of the city's Finance Committee. Thank you for your very kind attention in this matter; your comments and or questions will be welcomed.

Stan Edelstein
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314-878-6041

JULY 10, 2009 MUNICIPAL COMPARISONS

MUNICIPALITY	PHONE	SALES TAX RATE	SALES TAX STATUS	CITY FIRE DEPT	CITY RECYCLING/ TRASH P/U	RESIDENTIAL 2009 R.E. TAX RATE	COMMERCIAL 2009 R.E. TAX RATE
CHESTERFIELD	636-537-4000	7.325	B	NO	NO	0.0300	0.0300
CLAYTON	290-8469	7.575	A	YES	YES	0.6730	0.7240
CREVE COEUR	432-6000	6.825	A/B	NO	YES	0.0800	0.0700
FRONTENAC	994-3200	7.825	A	YES	NO	0.4500	0.5140
KIRKWOOD	822-5806	7.575	A/B	YES	NO	0.6150	0.6280
LADUE	993-3439	7.575	A	YES	NO	0.6690	0.6930
MARYLAND HGHTS	291-6550	6.825	B	NO	YES	0.0000	0.0000
OLIVETTE	993-0444	7.825	A	YES	YES	0.7790	0.8160
TOWN & COUNTRY	432-6606	7.575	A/B	NO	NO	0.0000	0.0000
UNIVERSITY CITY	862-6767	7.825	B	YES	YES	0.9870	1.1140
WEBSTER GROVES	963-5319	7.825	B	YES	NO	0.8630	0.8230

Resident-Paid Trash Collection

City	Who pays?	Monthly Fee	Curbside/Back Yard Collection	Hauler	Other
Chesterfield	Hauler bills resident directly	$ 12.37	Curbside only	Allied	Fee includes yard waste collection
Creve Coeur - Proposed	Hauler bills resident directly for 50% and City pays remaining 50%	$ 9.77	Back yard trash/curbside recycling	Allied	Yard waste is an additional $2.35 pet tag or $2.85 per bag
Frontenac	Hauler bills resident directly	$ 21.43	Back yard	Veolia	Curbside collection is allowed in small portion of city where lots are smaller - curbside cost is $19.43/mo
Ladue	Hauler bills resident directly	Depends on which hauler	Back yard (curbside not allowed)	Resident contracts with hauler - hauler must be licensed	
Town & Country	Hauler bills resident directly	Depends on which hauler		Resident contracts with hauler - hauler must be licensed	

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City-Paid Trash Collection

City	Who pays?	Monthly Fee	Curbside/Back Yard Collection	Hauler	Other
Clayton	City pays through general taxes	$ 26.20	Back yard	Allied	Fee includes yard waste collection twice/week trash collection
Creve Coeur - Current	City pays through general taxes	$ 18.68	Back yard trash/curbside recycling	Allied	Yard waste is an additional $2.35 pet tag or $2.85 per bag
Des Peres	City pays through general taxes	$ 17.34	Curbside only	IESI	Fee includes yard waste collection
Maryland Heights	City pays through general taxes	$ 21.08	Curbside only	Allied	Fee includes yard waste collection
Olivette	City pays through general taxes	$ 20.24	Curbside only	Allied	Fee includes yard waste collection

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