

City of Cosmopolis  
Workshop  
September 17, 2015

Mayor Vickie L. Raines presided.

Councilmembers Present: Jonathan Fischer, Frank Chestnut, Jim Ancich and Debbi Moran

Staff Present: Finance Director Cheryl Turner, Attorney Stephen Hyde and Public Works Director Darrin Raines

Mr. Mike Meyer and Mr. Jessie Cardinas were here to answer questions.

Councilmember Chestnut asked Mr. Meyer who would pick up the solid waste for recycling and how often. Mr. Meyer said that would be up to the city to decide whether they would do it ourselves or have LeMay do it. He said in the residential area it would need to be picked up every day including Sat., restaurants every other day and schools every day.

Mr. Meyer suggested we get Grays Harbor College and Stafford Creek involved with us.

Councilman Chestnut asked Mr. Cardinas about the feasibility study. Mr. Cardinas said first and foremost is the outreach to the community. They have to be on board for this to work. We need to let the community know about the benefits. The City would need to have public meetings to discuss with the citizens about solid waste recycling. The feasibility study itself would cost somewhere around 50 to 70 thousand. We could get a grant from the Rural Business Development but have to have the community on board.

Councilman Fischer asked if any other cities our size were doing the solid waste recycling. Mr. Meyer said the town of Melbray in California has been for 20 to 30 years. The end product at Melbray is methane used at their waste water treatment plant.

Councilmember Moran asked Mr. Meyer why the College and Stafford Creek would want to go in with us. Mr. Meyer said Stafford Creek produces about 11 tons a week of food waste so they may entertain the idea of working with us.

Councilmember Ancich asked what the cost of the project would be. Mr. Meyer said we wouldn't know that till after the feasibility study.

Mayor Raines asked the Public Works Committee to get together and see if this is something we may want to pursue. She also asked Councilman Chestnut, Finance Director Turner and Public Works Director to put together a poll that would be mailed out to the citizens.

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Finance Director

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Mayor