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The Honorable Bill Bishop, President
City Council
117 West Duval Street, Suite 425
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Dear President Bishop,

I am forwarding a copy of the final recommendations of the Special Committee on Solid Waste for your review. As you know we have been meeting since October 2012 and we have all been educated in a myriad of topics in solid waste. We have all learned a lot and it has been a worthwhile endeavor. As a result of the time spent, I believe we have brought forth a list of recommendations that if implemented, have potential to increase revenues, decrease costs and make the City of Jacksonville's solid waste collection and disposal more efficient and responsive to its citizens.

We think these recommendations are simply a first step and since the industry is constantly evolving it is my hope that it will continue to be a focus in the years to come.

I respectfully request that copies of the report be furnished to all the members of the Transportation, Energy and Utilities (TEU) Committee. You will note some of the suggestions have a TEU designation behind them. Its chairman was also a member of our committee and I think it would be beneficial for him to start the process for potential action on those designated for TEU consideration.

Thanks for allowing me to chair the committee. I hope there will be a long term benefit to the community as a result.

Sincerely,


Bill Gulliford

Copy to:

Members, Special Committee on Solid Waste

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SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Establish uniform ENFORCEMENT of existing laws governing solid waste collection and disposal, and insure existing laws are consistent, fair and evenly applied.
- Work to establish a financially balanced enterprise fund
- Make best use of our landfill through increased recycling and economically feasible waste-to-energy technologies. Review and implement new technologies when practical.
- **Review single stream recycling and automated collection after two full years of operation by Waste Pro and Republic and based on results, set a goal for implementing countywide single stream recycling.**
- Work to convert primary trash collection fleet to 50% compressed natural gas (CNG) by 2015. (TEU)
- Determine if privatizing the downtown collection of MSW is viable by seeking proposals for the same. (TEU)
- Based on the updated transfer station study due no later than October 1, 2013, pursue the economic viability and potential savings from siting transfer stations in the city. If proven viable, take the necessary steps to get transfer stations up and running in the locations recommended, handling all forms of MSW. (TEU)
- Determine how we can better encourage recycling in business, commercial and office operations and then initiate it. What about apartments and condominiums? (TEU)
- Substantially reduce or even eliminate non-degradable plastic bags from yard waste stream that ends up in landfills. (TEU)
- Address illegal processing and disposal of C&D debris through permitting and enforcement. **Are criminal charges an option for flagrant violators?(TEU)**
- Achieve final resolution of the Old Kings Road Landfill host fee issue. (Applicability of the City host fee to yard waste used as daily landfill cover).
- Explore use of landfill methane gas and/or other bio fuels such as cooking grease conversion, as a direct vehicle fuel source. (TEU)
- Develop a better method for collection household hazardous waste that includes more convenient and easier disposal options for citizens. (TEU)
- Require on city contracts that a minimum of 60% of the C&D material be recycled. (TEU)
- Streamline the CON application and renewal process to make it easier and less costly for businesses that are seeking them. Study practices in other jurisdictions to determine how they address similar situations and concerns. Solicit input from the affected parties to determine their suggested changes, deletions and amendments to the current code. (TEU)

- Evaluate C&D host fees. Should they be amended or replaced in light of their encouraging the disposal of C&D generated in Jacksonville being deposited in other jurisdictions? **(TEU)**
- Should the City consider some type of flow control such as a franchise fee on dumpsters and/or trucks to keep the C&D disposal in the county? **(TEU)**