



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 33.

**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: APRIL 5, 2017**

**DEPARTMENT: PLANNING**  
**DIRECTOR: TOM PERRIGO**

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion for possible action to approve an exclusive franchise agreement with Republic Silver State Disposal, Inc. d/b/a Republic Services of Southern Nevada and Republic Dumpco, Inc. for the collection, transportation and disposal of solid waste and provide any appropriate direction to staff- All Wards

**Fiscal Impact**

☐ No Impact ☐ Augmentation Required  
☐ Budget Funds Available

**Amount:**

**Funding Source:**

**Dept./Division:**

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

Republic Services of Southern Nevada currently holds an exclusive franchise with the City of Las Vegas that expires on February 21, 2021. A new agreement is being proposed that will implement single-stream residential recycling, and will be effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2033. Republic Services will continue paying a franchise fee of 5% of gross receipts to the City. Additional franchise and environmental fees can be implemented at the City's option and passed through to customers. The City will receive an annual service credit of \$500,000 the first year, with annual increases of \$200,000. Beginning July 1, 2021, the annual credit will be capped at \$1,300,000 and adjusted annually based on CPI-U. The City will also receive a \$300,000 annual allowance for Code Enforcement and a \$40,000 administrative fee.  
(Continued on Agenda Memo)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

1. Agenda Memo
2. Franchise Agreement for Collection, Transportation and Disposal of Solid Waste Between the City of Las Vegas and Republic Silver State Disposal, Inc. and Republic Dumpco, Inc.
3. Additional Backup Information
4. Submitted after Final Agenda - Various Correspondence by Danielle Basson Part 1 of 3
5. Submitted after Final Agenda - Various Correspondence by Danielle Basson Part 2 of 3
6. Submitted after Final Agenda - Various Correspondence by Danielle Basson Part 3 of 3
7. Submitted after Final Agenda - Protest Comment Forms and Support Letter and Emails
8. Submitted at Meeting - Support Petition with Approximately 6,000 Signatures

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9. Submitted at Meeting - PowerPoint Presentations by Staff and Tim Oudman, Support Petition with Approximately 800 Signatures by Tony Andrews and Letter from Ryan Williams, President, Western Elite

Motion made by STEVEN D. ROSS to Approve subject to the following amendments:

1. Page 4, Section 2, Line 3 - date change to 6/30/2031
2. Page 7, Section 4(c) - add 7/1/2016

Passed For: 5; Against: 2; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

BOB COFFIN, CAROLYN G. GOODMAN, STEVEN D. ROSS, STAVROS S. ANTHONY, BOB BEERS; (Against-RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

Items 33 and 40 were heard together.

After CITY ATTORNEY BRAD JERBIC read Bill No. 2017-3 into the record, TOM PERRIGO, Planning Director, indicated KAREN DUDDLESTEN, Deputy Planning Director, would be making a brief presentation on this item.

MS. DUDDLESTEN stated that staff was assigned to update the Solid Waste Ordinance. She referenced the Nevada Revised Statutes and the mandate the City has to regulate the collection and disposal of solid waste. In particular, local governments are responsible to protect the public health and welfare, prevent water or air pollution, prevent the spread of disease and creation of nuisances, conserve natural resources and enhance the beauty and quality of the environment.

MS. DUDDLESTEN noted that comments on the proposed ordinance were solicited from October 25th through November 28th. The Council had also directed staff to hold a workshop which was held on March 27th. Minutes, notes and the material presented at that workshop, consisting of several hundred pages, were forwarded to the City Clerk and each of the Councilmember offices for their review. At the time of printing of this presentation, 184 email comments had been received by Business Licensing specifically relating to single-stream recycling. As of this morning, there were a total of 316 comments that had been received in support of the single-stream recycling concept.

She noted that in the proposed ordinance, one of the major changes was a new definition for construction or demolition waste which was updated to coincide with the definition used by the Southern Nevada Health District. There were also new definitions for recyclables, recycling centers and single-stream recycling.

She reviewed other additions to the ordinances which included delineating waste/recyclables collection, transportation and disposal standards; implementing single-stream recycling by December 31, 2018; and updating tables and rates from 2007 to 2016-2017, locking in additional fees and rates charged to customers that were not in the ordinance before and allowing

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delinquent accounts to be forwarded to a collection agency versus the current remedy of placing a lien on a property. Additionally, staff is proposing to change the annual rate adjustment from the CPI (Consumer Price Index) to the previous year's CPI or the five-year average change in the CPI; whichever is greater. It allows an environment surcharge up to five percent for environmental programs and activities at the option of the City Council; allows for an augmented franchise fee in addition to the current five percent should the Council find it necessary for future programs; and it prevents the Franchisee from withholding solid waste collection services from commercial or industrial customers for nonpayment of charges unless certain conditions are met. This includes notification of both the property owners and someone that might be leasing the property that has those services so the problem can be rectified prior to service interruption.

MS. DUDDLESTEN reviewed the proposed amendments relating to mandatory fees to be paid by residents. These fees were not in the ordinance as a fee set by the City Council in the past. Staff suggested adding these to the fee table so they are locked in. Staff also proposed a second trash collection service per week be allowed at the request of the resident. This would be optional for single family residences, duplexes, multiple dwellings and mobile homes parks at the cost of \$13.50 per month per residential unit. She confirmed for MAYOR GOODMAN that these fees would be paid to the Franchisee.

MR. PERRIGO stated this summarized the highlights and key changes in the proposed ordinance that would implement single-stream recycling and also clean up some issues in the old ordinance.

At the request of COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN, GINA BISHOP, Franchise Analyst, explained the industrial service attempt and the container relocation charges. She also informed the Councilwoman that the industrial size container was 10 cubic yards. Noting that the area she represented did not want single-stream recycling, and she was told recycling had gone down in the last three years, COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN asked if there were facts proving it was successful, as all of the information she had was from the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) up to 2013. MS. DUDDLESTEN indicated she did not have those statistics with her, but staff had surveys from the pilot program from residents in the city that indicated whether those individuals felt they recycled more. The Councilwoman thought the purpose of the trials over the last three years was to provide the research, facts and statistics.

COUNCILMAN COFFIN stated that single-stream recycling has worked well in his neighborhood over the past two years, but with few people on single-stream in the city of Las Vegas, he could not comment on whether the feed has changed. The Councilwoman stressed that she wanted to know the facts and how it was determined that single-stream was better. She referenced the report from the SNHD that stated recycling had gotten better in 2010, 2011 and 2012, but the most recent report states that it is believed that the difference was due to double counting. If the trial that has been done for the last three years was to obtain information, she wondered where that information was.

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In response to the effect of single-stream recycling on the weight stream, MR. PERRIGO indicated he was handed an independent account report that was presented to the Board of County Commissioners showing that on average across the sample area, recycling went from two pounds per week per household to just under 11 pounds per week in 2015.

COUNCILMAN ROSS concurred with COUNCILMAN COFFIN stating that the residents in Ward 6 have been wanting single-stream recycling for some time and asked when the topic first came up. MR. PERRIGO recalled receiving direction from the Council to increase recycling in the community dating back to the old City Hall. He noted that the City of Henderson, Clark County and North Las Vegas have all adopted single-stream recycling. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN stated she was not criticizing single-stream recycling, but she wanted to be aware of any ramifications, such as loss of jobs.

MAYOR GOODMAN asked CITY ATTORNEY BRAD JERBIC if it was appropriate to hear the presentation by TIM OUDMAN, Market Vice President for Republic Services, first and then allow public comment on both the proposed ordinance and the franchise agreement. CITY ATTORNEY JERBIC indicated this was at the Mayors discretion. Because there was no Recommending Committee hearing for the ordinance, the item was a public hearing item and anyone could speak on it, and a separate vote could be taken if the Council wished. While the franchise agreement was not a public hearing, the Mayor could allow public comment on it. Since the two items overlap, he suggested for utility of time that people be allowed to speak on both matters. With respect to the order of the speakers, CITY ATTORNEY JERBIC recommended hearing staffs presentation on both the ordinance and franchise agreement first followed by Republic Services since they are affected most directly by both items and then open it up to anyone else that would like to speak. He indicated both items should be opened simultaneously so that comments made would be reflected on the items appropriately.

COUNCILMAN ROSS read Item 33 into the record at this point.

MR. PERRIGO reviewed the attached PowerPoint presentation relating to the franchise agreement. He indicated that the proposed franchise agreement would run from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2033, adding 12 years to the current contract with Republic Services which runs through December 31, 2021. For comparison purposes, he noted North Las Vegas has a franchise agreement in place through 2031 and Clark County and Henderson, through 2035.

The rates in the franchise agreement are controlled annually by the CPI. A recycling goal has been established in the franchise agreement of 25 percent by 2019, which increases one percent per year until it hits 30 percent by 2024. In the agreement is the optional second trash collection service per week and a provision that requires an administrative fee to be paid to the City of Las Vegas in the amount of \$40,000 annually for the purpose of auditing the agreement and doing the research to ensure those recycling targets are being hit.

To avoid the appearance of a conflict, COUNCILMAN COFFIN indicated his preference that the City not accept money from Republic Services to pay for the audit. MR. PERRIGO asked if it

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would be acceptable if clarification was made that the \$40,000 was to be used for general administration of the contract and not to perform the actual audit. MS. DUDDLESTEN explained that the bulk of the \$40,000 would be used for administration of the contracts, resolution of complaints, keeping the website up and running and to conduct studies regarding recycling. Previously this was done by Clark County via a regional franchise agreement with the City contributing money from its budget to Clark County; however, that agreement has not been in place for approximately two years. In the current budget, there are professional services specifically designated to auditing, and the audit that was done at the beginning of the Republic Services process was paid for out of that currently budgeted audit fund.

MR. PERRIGO stated that the agreement also provides a credit for waste hauling services beginning at \$500,000 in 2016, increasing to \$1.3 million in 2020 and, thereafter, increasing by the CPI. He also mentioned a provision that brings \$300,000 annually to the City for Code Enforcement which also increases according to the CPI. MAYOR GOODMAN asked that the reference to auditing on the presentation be removed to which MR. PERRIGO acknowledged it would. He stated that the franchise fee provisions also allow the Council to increase the franchise fee at any time should they so choose.

He stated that the agreement allows the City to hold back 30 percent of their sludge for alternative uses, increasing up to 50 percent after the year 2026, as there are potentially other opportunities to use that material as another productive resource. Single-stream recycling is to be implemented by December 31, 2018 which would provide trash and recycling pickup once per week and add a bulky item pickup once every two weeks in addition to an on-call pilot program that might be more convenient for the residents. The fleet conversion to compressed natural gas will occur within five years per the agreement; thereby, reducing air pollution. The performance bond has been increased from \$250,000 in the current agreement up to \$10 million with a corporate guarantee of performance and liability insurance has increased from \$1 million to \$10 million.

MR. PERRIGO reviewed the customer service standards which were placed in the agreement; previously they were in the ordinance, but staff felt it made sense to have the standards directly in the contract with the franchisee.

He indicated these were the highlights of the agreement, and staff was available to answer any questions.

MR. OUDMAN stated Republic Services agrees with staffs recommendation to approve the franchise agreement, and they prepared a short presentation that highlights the benefits of that agreement, which is attached as backup. By approving the franchise agreement, the City will ensure multiple benefits to include sustainability, economic and community related benefits.

The alignment with the Citys sustainability initiatives, one of the hallmarks of the franchise agreement, is the implementation of the single-stream recycling program; a program that has consistently proven to improve recycling rates across the valley. The carts associated with this

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program make the communities cleaner, and the program comes with no cost increase to residents or businesses. As previously mentioned, the agreement requires Republic Services to deploy trucks that are powered on clean-burning compressed natural gas which further proves the City's commitment to protecting the environment. Each time they convert a diesel powered truck to compressed natural gas, 20 tons of greenhouse gas emissions are eliminated each year. The agreement also allows City staff to divert some of the sewage sludge to an environmental project.

Another benefit to the City is Republic's service reliability and experience. Its vast operational experience, capabilities and infrastructure make serving the City possible; this along with great employees, delivers great customer service. He noted that 99.9 percent of the time, per their customers, they do what they say they are going to do. Another benefit is low monthly rates to residents. Rates from other cities were displayed with none being close to those in Las Vegas; Phoenix, which is comparable in demographics, was \$12 per month higher. Apart from the financial aspect, serving the whole community translates into safer streets, less wear and tear on private parking lots and roads and reduced pollution. Another set of benefits is the financial and environmental protection; they fully indemnify their customers from any potential future landfill liabilities. They have state-of-the-art environmental controls and a great engineering support team at their Apex landfill, but if something were to go wrong, neither the City nor its residents' businesses would get a bill for environmental cleanup costs. That same landfill indemnification has shielded Clark County and City of Las Vegas from \$80 million in cleanup costs at the Sunrise landfill. To provide proper financial protection to the City, the performance bond and insurance levels were increased; additionally, they executed a parent company guarantee. These guarantees are backed by the financial strength of the Fortune 300 company with investment grade credit rating. Another benefit to the City is that the franchise partner is an important part of the local economy. They have impact beyond picking up trash and recycling. Their workforce consists predominantly of Teamsters 631; these careers pay well and have great medical and pension benefits, so extending the franchise agreement helps maintain those careers as well as the many trickle down effects it has on the local economy. Another benefit to the City is increased financial flexibility. By extending the agreement now, the City will receive from Republic Services over \$6.2 million in either free services and/or financial payments over the remaining term of the existing agreement, and another \$20 million over the 12-year extension period; in total, more than \$25 million in increased financial flexibilities which is money that can be invested elsewhere in the community. In addition to this, Republic Services will pay the City almost \$60 million in franchise fees over that same time frame.

The last benefit MR. OUDMAN highlighted was community partnership. Republic Services looks at this as a three-way partnership; the City of Las Vegas, the Teamsters 631 and Republic Services. Nine hundred and fifty of their employees are members of the Teamsters 631; 325 of which, along with their families, live in the city of Las Vegas itself. Their civic pride shows up in their active involvement in many facets of this community.

By approving the franchise agreement, the City will ensure alignment with the City's sustainability initiatives, ensure continued low monthly rates for residents, excellent service

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reliability, additional financial and environmental protection, good-paying, stable and safer jobs and will ensure significant financial benefits, maintain an important part of the local economy and ensure the City is doing business with a proven community partner.

Stating that she would like to see the City in alignment with the other communities, MAYOR GOODMAN asked if Republic Services was agreeable to a 10-year extension instead of a 12-year extension, without penalty in any other phase of the agreement. MR. OUDMAN stated they would be agreeable to this and confirmed nothing else would change in the contract. He also wished to address COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN'S question regarding the effectiveness of the single-stream recycling program, and he displayed a graph that explained the process Clark County followed to make that determination. There are two ways to do something; one is through an audit and the other through agreed upon procedures. The County and Republic agreed to follow the agreed upon procedures. Through that process, it was determined that through the old program, an average of 2.1 pounds of recyclables were picked up per week per home; under the new program, 10.95 pounds per week per home were picked up which represents a more than 400 percent increase in recycling. The only difference between an agreed upon procedure and an audit is that it is leaving the determination to the parties whether or not it is effective. A graph reflecting the number of tons recycled and reported to the SNHD since 2008 was shown, with every year showing an increase. While some attributed this to glass, glass volume in the last six years has remained very steady. This data helps prove that the increase is due to the single-stream recycling program. To further clarify, BOB COYLE, representing Republic Services, indicated Clark County engaged Kafoury Armstrong, a Certified Public Accounting firm, to conduct this study. Fourteen thousand homes on the old red, white and blue bin program were measured against 14,000 homes on the single-stream program. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN reiterated she had no objections to single-stream recycling, she just wanted to see the facts.

The following individuals spoke in support of extending the contract with Republic Services: BRIAN KNUDSEN, Ward 1 resident; HANK COMBS, Ward 6 resident; ERIN McMULLEN, on behalf of Boyd Gaming; TARA PIKE, Founder and current Manager of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Recycling Program; ANDREW CHANG, Centennial Hills area resident; TONY ANDREWS, 28-year employee of Republic Services; ERIC DeLOACH, driver with Republic Services; ANTHONY SIMEA, driver with Republic Services; and TOMMY BLITSCH, principal officer of Teamsters Local 631.

These individuals referenced the superior service provided by Republic Services, the good rates, the increase in recycling in single-stream areas, the company being a good community partner, good paying jobs, the beautiful recycling plant, the diverse, excellent outstanding women that work for the company and its dedication to the city of Las Vegas. MR. BLITSCH pointed out that not extending the contract would result in 300 employees losing their jobs; this would put the lives, pensions and health insurance of the employees out to bid.

BILL MARION read a letter of support from the Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce into the record.

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MR. ANDREWS submitted a petition with 800 signatures in support of this extension which was submitted and is attached as backup.

The following individuals appeared protesting the extension of the contract: DANIELLE BASSON, Chief Operating Officer of Simple Environmental Services Group; MIKE DRAPER, Partner at Argentum Partners on behalf of several independent trash haulers, recyclers, and composters from around the state; BRADLEY MAYER, Argentum Partners; BRAD ANDERSON; RON WILLIAMS, part owner of Western Elite; J-DA PLEASANT, Simple Environmental Services Group; COREY MILLER, Las Vegas resident; SCOTT SEASTRAND; GARY BASSON; PETER GUZMAN, President of the Latin Chamber of Commerce; BRENDA LOVATO, Institute of Real Estate Management; NORBERTO MADRIGAL, one of the owners of Lunas Construction Clean Up; BECKY COLLET, Simple Environmental Services Group; RYAN WILLIAMS, Chief Executive Officer of Western Elite; EMMA COLLET; JANA FORSYTHE, small business owner; KAM BRIAN, Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel for Par 3 Landscape; DEREK MUAINA, Corporate Counsel for Western Elite; NICK MARTINEZ, Simple Environmental Services Group; CHRIS DARLING; VINCE COLLET, 20-year resident and recycling business owner for 30 years; TONY SALAZAR, representing Liberty Salvage Materials; and JIM GIBSON, President of Western Elite.

Most of these individuals did not question Republic Services service, the good the company does in the community or the benefits of single-stream recycling, but they believed the contract should be fully vetted out and there should be fair competition; extending the contract would provide a monopoly and shut the door on everyone else; and small businesses should have a voice. Some referenced missed pickups and delayed requests. Additional comments included that franchise agreements had unintended consequences with small businesses, many markets were moving towards more open-market business models, and an audit done revealed Republic Services had been overcharging the City \$320,000 a year. Some wondered why the extension was being pushed through when the contract did not expire for another four years and how the City knew it was getting the best deal if it did not go through the Request For Proposal (RFP) process. MR. RYAN WILLIAMS offered to beat the contract by 10 percent. He submitted a letter in opposition which is attached as backup.

MR. DRAPER submitted for the record 6,000 petitions that a member of their coalition collected from all wards across the city of Las Vegas calling for a choice. He asked that the Council consider the policy debate happening at the State Legislature with regard to franchises and recycling.

JIM GIBSON, President of Western Elite, also referenced the effort by the Nevada Legislature regarding the policy debate around recycling that could mature into something that would make a difference to all Nevadans and give guidance to local government. He thought any action should be postponed until clarity was given to this issue so the City and State could coordinate. He did not think the movement had yielded a significant improvement in recycling, and the organized labor jobs would be filled regardless of who the franchisee was because they are experienced and they do a great job.

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SUSAN BRECKON, Executive Director of the Nevada State Apartment Association, stated a lot of trash is generated in the apartment industry. They appreciate Republic Services for servicing the communities on the holidays and thanked the Council for reducing the extension to 10 years to coincide with the other cities. She stated she has invited Republic Services to work with them to develop recycling programs within the multi-family communities, because there is not an efficient recycling program within all of those communities. She asked that Republic Services consider other providers; they not only create a lot of trash, but they take great pride in renovating and rehabilitating their communities which generates additional trash. They use a lot of rollout containers, not always from Republic Services, and want them to consider reassessing the fees they charge third parties that they utilize to be a little more fair.

JAMES GARNER, former employee of Western Elite, commented that he was terminated for trying to organize a union there; they should be part of an organized union and treat their employees better.

Following comments made by the public, CITY ATTORNEY JERBIC advised that because there were two separate items Item 40, the ordinance, and Item 33, the Franchise Agreement, the Council should discuss the ordinance and the amendments to it first, vote on it and then discuss the franchise agreement itself.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW complimented staff for a job well done and in relation to the ordinance and stated all of his concerns were addressed in the ordinance. After COUNCILMAN BARLOW made a motion to approve the ordinance, CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED confirmed with the Councilman that his motion included the First Amendment with the changes to the two tables.

COUNCILMAN BEERS stated garbage is a public health hazard and not a personal choice. The law states that one does not get to choose to not have service. Referencing the question asked by the public how the City knew this was the best possible deal if it did not put it out for bid, the Councilman stated they have to look at the data points; one being rates, which were shown to be lower in Las Vegas than in other cities and another being complaints, of which there are not a lot. What is being proposed is not abnormal; in most states, garbage removal, electricity, natural gas, water and sewer are all delivered under an exclusive franchise agreement. It does not want multiple sets of trucks tearing up the roads going to select houses. He stated he was ready to vote in support of the agreement. He originally had a concern with the length of the agreement, but with the Mayors request to reduce it to 10 years and Republic Services acceptance of that request, this puts the City on the same cycle as the other jurisdictions. If society is going to consider changing the way it handles garbage collection, the time probably is not when the last jurisdiction in the valley is making a decision with regard to single-stream recycling; the time to make significant changes should be in 10 years when everyones agreement expires.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY commented that everyone was very passionate about this issue regardless of which side they were on. Today was very helpful, but he has been meeting with individuals in his office and on the street for months in addition to receiving emails and phone

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calls. Clark County, Henderson and North Las Vegas vetted this, gave the franchise to Republic Services and extended their contracts with no comments regarding competition. As such, he wondered why this issue was being brought up today. The Teamsters are concerned about their jobs, and when he looks at Republic Services, he noted that they have made quite an investment in the community; they built the landfill in Clark County and a massive recycling center, and they are ready to make additional investments in the trucks and financial incentives to the City of Las Vegas. What it comes down to is the price and the service. The monthly price is less than other utilities, and at \$14 per month, he could not imagine it being less expensive. As a member of the City Council for the past eight years, he can count on one hand the number of complaints called into his office regarding Republic Services; from a resident standpoint, he does not have any complaints about Republic Services, and he did not see any reason not to follow the other jurisdictions that already approved an extension. He stated that he liked the idea of making it a 10-year franchise and would support the extension.

COUNCILMAN ROSS thanked the brothers and sisters of Teamsters Local 631 for staying at the meeting all day and MR. OUDMAN and staff for working some of the issues out.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN stated she did a lot of research on this issue, and she appreciated those that provided her with information. In 1965, the City awarded the contract to Silver State; this was a 15-year contract with the option for a five-year extension, which was exercised. The same was awarded in 1985 and again in 2005, making the contract end date 2021. She has always backed labor, but she did not think any jobs would be lost if this was opened up to bid, and she did not think it made sense to go 66 years without opening this up to an RFP; it was not just about competition, it was about a monopoly. As such, she could not support the extension. She thinks highly of Republic Services and praised them for their good service, their community work, for being innovative and the recycling center they built.

MAYOR GOODMAN thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and appreciated the passion on both sides of the issue. While she echoes some of what COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN voiced, she also listened carefully to what else has been said. Although the Legislature is considering this issue, every other jurisdiction has already extended their agreements, and if the City were to wait on the Legislature and new laws were created, this could possibly take authority away from the City, and that was disturbing to her. Although it is healthy to have RFPs, she did not think it would be in the best interest of the City as every other municipality has voted to extend their contracts because of the benefits already discussed. She noted the importance of small business but also of the union workers. Republic Services is not broken; it is a good company, and she was amazed what a great job it did taking care of the community. MAYOR GOODMAN thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and expressing themselves so eloquently, for being courteous and responsive to the Council and for those that keep the streets clean.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN thought it was important to mention that some of the legislators want to take control because they disagree with the way the City does some things. She reminded everyone that no government agency is closer to them than their city government;

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they take every call and they care about the little guy. She hoped everyone would monitor the legislature because if control left the City, it would hurt everyone.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW emphasized that this was one community; not Republic Services versus someone else. This is a matter of trying to find equitability. The community has grown significantly since 1965. Smaller businesses are growing into mid-size businesses and then into larger corporations. When governing, the Council has to identify how to protect the small, mid-sized and large companies. The decision being made is not always easy but a decision that leaders have to make with regard to the fabric, protection and continuous growth of the city. He thought that all of the different businesses were doing a great job, specifically with regard to recycling and reducing the carbon footprint to become more energy efficient. He assured everyone that what he has seen at the Republic Services, Lunas and Western Elite recycling centers was amazing. Each of the entities was doing something unique and using the latest technology to improve the quality of lives of all residents. He stressed that the fabric of the small, mid-sized and larger corporations had to be protected. As such, he indicated he would not be able to support the extension and stood in favor of putting this through the RFP process.

COUNCILMAN COFFIN talked about the investment Republic Services has made, and the fact that nobody else has said they would put up the money for the type of investment required.

MS. DUDDLESTEN read into the record the amendment to the franchise agreement so the franchisee could indicate their concurrence. On page 4, Section 2, Line 3 the current date of June 30, 2033 would read June 30, 2031. Additionally, the words Beginning on July 1, 2016 would be added to page 7 Section 4(c).

MAYOR GOODMAN referenced the correction to remove the word audit. MS. DUDDLESTEN indicated that section was clarified; it simply says for administration and compliance, and staff would ensure the funding would not go towards any auditing. MR. OUDMAN concurred with these amendments and corrections.

See Item 10 for related discussion.