



## Recommending Committee Minutes

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS KNUDSEN, SEAMAN (excused until 10:01 a.m.) and ALLEN-PALENSKE

ALSO PRESENT: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER GARY AMELING, CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED, CITY CLERK LUANN D. HOLMES and DEPUTY CITY CLERK GABRIELA PORTILLO-BRENNER

2. Announcement Regarding: Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Minutes:

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE: This meeting has been properly noticed and posted at the following locations in accordance with the noticing standards as outlined in NRS 241.020: City Hall, 495 South Main Street, 1st Floor; the City of Las Vegas website – [www.lasvegasnevada.gov](http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov); and the Nevada Public Notice website – [notice.nv.gov](http://notice.nv.gov).

3. Public Comment: Comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters on the agenda for action. If you wish to be heard, come forward and give your name for the record. The amount of discussion, as well as the amount of time any single speaker is allowed, may be limited.

Minutes:

None.

4. For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the October 30, 2023 Recommending Committee Meeting

Motion made by Francis Allen-Palenske to Approve

Passed For: 3; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske;

5. Bill No. 2023-27 - For possible action - Amends various provisions of LVMC Chapter 9.08, relating to the collection of solid waste, to change the applicable Consumer Price Index (CPI) from a standard All Urban Consumers for All Items Index to the Historic Consumer Price Index for Water and Sewer and Trash Collection Services, to change the means of determining rate adjustments, and to update the rate tables to reflect current CPI-adjusted rates related to waste collection. Proposed by: Gary Ameling, Chief Financial Officer

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN declared the Public Hearing open.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER GARY AMELING reported that Republic Services requested consideration of changing the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from a standard CPI, which has been in effect since the beginning of the franchise agreement, to the more specific annual water, sewer and trash expenditure category of the CPI. Republic Services indicated that they were moving away on their other contracts from the overall CPI index because the water, sewer and trash index is more stable and better represents the types of costs that make up their mix of expenditures. This stability will also help in their labor negotiations.

They would like to make this effective with the December billing, meaning a change for the last two quarters of the fiscal year and a rate reduction from the 8 percent increase down to a 4.49 percent increase, which equates to a monthly savings of 58 cents for residential customers. Republic Services is also offering to eliminate the extraordinary circumstance increase approved in 2019 for recycling of 86 cents per month on residential properties starting with December's billing. These changes amount to a quarterly savings of approximately \$4 for the last two quarters of the current fiscal year. In looking at the history of this CPI unit, it has been more stable.

MR. AMELING recommended approval, noting that the Business Impact Statement (BIS) was completed and minimal complaints were received about the change, but it was because they thought there would be a price increase. GINA BISHOP, Franchise Officer, confirmed this. MR. AMELING thanked MS. BISHOP for her assistance.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN asked if the BIS went to businesses only and what impact there would be to residents versus businesses. MR. AMELING replied that all businesses will see a rate decrease, but that will vary based on the type of service received by Republic Services.

ATTORNEY JENNIFER LAZOVICH, representing Republic Services, said that businesses were never charged a recycling adjustment, but given the rate decreases, residential customers will roughly get a 3.5 percent decrease. Approximately 17,000 businesses were included in the BIS solicitation, and MS. BISHOP confirmed this and added that the responses were then used to prepare the BIS that was approved on November 1, 2023. Residents and businesses will get a rate decrease at least until the end of the fiscal year, until the CPI rate comes in for the next fiscal year.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN verified that the standard index is consistent with markets across the country, and MS. LAZOVICH replied affirmatively, noting that Republic Services has been working to convert to the water, sewer and trash index because it is more consistent.

COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN declared the Public Hearing closed and announced that this bill would be eligible for adoption at the City Council meeting of November 15, 2023.

Motion made by Victoria Seaman to Approve as Do Pass

Passed For: 3; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Victoria Seaman, Brian Knudsen, Francis Allen-Palenske;

6. Citizens Participation: Public comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters within the jurisdiction of the Committee. No subject may be acted upon by the Committee unless that subject is on the agenda and is scheduled for action. If you wish to be heard, come to the podium and give your name for the record. The amount of discussion on any single subject, as well as the amount of time any single speaker is allowed, may be limited.

Minutes:  
None.

7. Adjournment

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk

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