

**CITY OF ANNA MARIA
SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MEETING HELD AT HOLMES BEACH CITY HALL
5801 MARINA DRIVE, HOLMES BEACH, FL
THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2007
6:45 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Quam called the Special City Commission Meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Duke Miller, Deputy Chair Christine Tollette, Chair John Quam, Commissioner Dale Woodland, Commissioner Jo Ann Mattick, and Mayor Fran Barford.

Staff present: City Clerk Alice Baird, Deputy City Clerk Diane Percycoe, City Attorney Jim Dye, Planner Alan Garrett, Public Works Director George McKay, Engineer Tom Wilcox, and Minutes Clerk Stacey Johnston.

**1. Second Reading and Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 07-676---
Amending and Restating the Franchise Agreement with Waste
Management, Inc. for Collection and Disposal of Refuse.**

City Clerk Baird read the Ordinance by title.

Chair Quam officially declared the Public Hearing opened.

Mayor Barford informed that two very constructive meetings were held with the Waste Management representatives. She asked Deputy City Clerk Percycoe to present the changes to the Agreement.

Deputy City Clerk Percycoe pointed out that Mayor Barford had sent a letter to Waste Management District Manager David Smith on February 21, 2007 relating to the Waste Management Franchise Agreement.

A March 6, 2007 letter from Mr. Smith was then forwarded to Mayor Barford in response to her concerns as follows:

Elimination of the Spring and Fall Cleanup: Waste Management has agreed to provide the 2007 Spring Cleanup free of charge with necessary landfill waivers. After that time, the City will be responsible for the cost of additional cleanup as outlined in the agreement.

Ms. Percycoe stated the City will either have to budget for the Fall Cleanup, eliminate it, have a joint cleanup with Holmes Beach and share the costs, or assess the citizens a low cost.

Beach Access Cans Pick Up Charge: Waste Management will begin billing the City at the implementation of the new contract.

Ms. Percycocoe informed Staff has determined the need to reduce the Beach Access Cans. Each area will be accessed to determine how many cans would be sufficient.

Though Waste Management has offered the option of deferring the costs until October 2007, Mayor Barford said the City will begin paying it as of April 2007 rather than deferring the costs.

Elimination of the Roll-Off Discount: Waste Management has agreed to provide a 25% discount on the roll-off pull charges only.

Charge to City for Solid Waste Pickup: Deputy City Clerk Percycocoe explained there is currently no charge for the City Hall and Public Works pickup. With the new contract Waste Management has agreed to pick up at no charge:

- 1 – 96 gallon cart for paper recycling – located at City Hall
- 1 – 96 gallon cart for commingled recycling – located at City Hall
- 1 – 96 gallon cart for solid waste – located at City Hall
- 1 – 96 gallon cart for solid waste – located at Public Works

Ms. Percycocoe informed that the new contract would be effective from April 1, 2007 to March 30, 2012.

David Smith and Rose Quinn-Barr, Waste Management, addressed the Commission to answer any questions.

Mr. Smith said he felt they had addressed all of Mayor Barford's concerns and reviewed the changes to the contract as previously reviewed by Deputy City Clerk Percycocoe.

Mr. Smith stated that though the City did not like hearing they have a better deal than other Cities, that none of their other contracts allow for free elimination of the roll-off. Recognizing Anna Maria has tight budget constraints, they have agreed to the 25% discount on the roll-off pull charges only.

In regard to the charge to the City for Solid Waste Pickup at the City Hall and Public Works, Mr. Smith informed that the City was sharing this pickup with other businesses.

Mayor Barford informed the Theatre had been placing their trash at the City Hall location and the Historical Society at the Public Works location. Both the Theatre and Historical Society will now be required to make different arrangements.

Commissioner Tollette asked what the general charge was for the Spring and Fall Cleanups.

Mr. Smith stated the truck cost was \$79.75 per hour (fuel, truck, employee, etc). He said they were only trying to recoup their costs and not looking at making a profit on the Cleanup.

Commissioner Mattick asked how many residents use the service.

Mr. Smith informed that tonnage reports are available and the turnouts have been variable. He suggested that the next Cleanup be monitored to see what exactly needs to be in place for the City.

Commissioner Tollette suggested that in regard to the Beach Access Cans Pickup Charge, additional cans be provided during the high season and cutting back during the summer months.

Mr. Smith agreed and said they will put out whatever the City requests.

Commissioner Miller commented to Mr. Smith that the City's did not like hearing that Anna Maria has a better deal than other communities and further expressed his resentment every time Mr. Smith stated it. He said he did not appreciate hearing that Anna Maria would have to pay for a service since Holmes Beach does.

In answer to Commissioner Miller's questions of what type of materials were picked up during the Spring and Fall Cleanups, Mr. Smith informed primarily yard waste. He informed the City has unlimited pickup service for yard waste at the curb as long as it is prepared.

Since primarily yard waste was what was being picked up, Commissioner Miller suggested the Spring and Fall Cleanups be discontinued all together.

Commissioner Miller then pointed out that the City would be switching out to the Roller Cans and Waste Management in turn are switching to their new collection method. He asked if they would be saving money.

Mr. Smith explained that due to the numerous Workman Compensation injuries they would not be saving money. He stated they had twenty-four related injuries during garbage pickup last year.

In response to Commissioner Miller's question, he confirmed there is one less man on the truck, however, the cans and equipment cost more, and the employee will be paid more due to their additional responsibilities.

Commissioner Miller felt Anna Maria would be giving Waste Management a more efficient system in exchange for them charging more.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.

MOTION: Commissioner Tollette moved to approve Ordinance 07-676 Amending and Restating the Franchise Agreement with Waste Management, Inc., with approved changes stated in Waste Management's letter attached dated March 6, 2007, for Collection and Disposal of Refuse. Commissioner Mattick seconded the motion.

ACTION: Roll Call Vote -
Commissioner Miller – NO
Commissioner Tollette – Aye
Chair Quam – Aye
Commissioner Woodland – Aye
Commissioner Mattick - Aye
Motion carried on vote of 4-1.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Chair Quam and seconded by Commissioner Miller, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Alice Baird, CMC, City Clerk