

# City of Bandon

<b>CITY COUNCIL AGENDA DOCUMENTATION</b>	<b>DATE:</b> November 6, 2017
<b>SUBJECT:</b> City Council Study Session	<b>ITEM NO:</b> 6.1.2

## **BACKGROUND:**

Study Session Minutes of the City Council as submitted by Blythe Tiffany, *Minutes Clerk*

Study Session Meeting – October 3, 2017

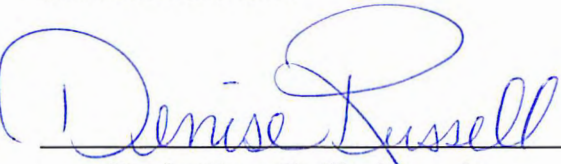
## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Motion to approve the minutes.

## **SUBMITTED BY:**

  
Denise Russell, City Recorder

**CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION  
BANDON CITY HALL  
October 3, 2017**

**Present:** Mayor Mary Schamehorn, Councilors Peter Braun, Claudine Hundhausen, Chris Powell, Geri Procetto, Brian Vick

**Staff:** City Manager Robert Mawson, City Attorney Fred Carleton, City Planning Director John McLaughlin, Minutes Clerk Blythe Tiffany

**Absent:** Council President Madeline Seymour

**1. Call to Order**

Schamehorn called the session to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Presentation & Discussion**

**2.1 Disposal & Recycling**

The Council had been provided with copies of a Bandon Recycling 2016 Commercial and Residential Recycling Cost Analysis, and copies of a an article concerning recycling by Christian Hill from the October 1, 2017 Register-Guard.

Councilors heard from Bill Richardson, Bandon Disposal & Recycling, who summarized the problem set out in the newspaper article, and discussed local issues, as well. He explained that China, which has been the largest buyer of US recycled materials, is no longer willing to take “dirty” containers from the US—threatening to stop purchasing plastic containers and unsorted paper waste—and has set up much stricter standards as to what it will accept. This will cause repercussions throughout the system, as items which were previously recycled may now end up in landfills, due to the question of how cost-effective it will be as the sort centers slow down the cleaning system, while materials continue to come in faster than they can be processed.

Locally, Richardson explained that the County will begin charging \$5 per vehicle to deposit recyclables at Beaver Hill. This will make it necessary to either close down the local recycling outlet or start charging a \$5 fee at January 1. He noted that Bandon has curbside recycling available for less than \$5; and for those in the County who currently use the Bandon facility, there are containers available for recyclable items in rural areas. They are picked up monthly, and would cost less than the \$5 per week it would take to deposit items at the Bandon facility.

There was some general discussion about the need to educate the general public about the overall big picture, the need to recycle to keep recyclables out of landfills, and the need to clean recyclables before putting them out for pickup.

The question of recycling glass was discussed, and Richardson stated that Bandon Disposal & Recycling could start taking glass for the local curbside recyclers.

There followed some discussion of brush pick-up rules, and Richardson asked that people be made aware that they should not be putting more brush out after the first day, and, if they know that they will have more than five yards of material, they should call and let the company know ahead of time, so they can be prepared; the brush pick-up program is somewhat controlled now, and is working.

### **3. Adjournment**

The Study Session ended at 6:54 p.m.

Blythe Tiffany  
Minutes Clerk