



COUNCIL AGENDA: 8/6/19
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ITEM: 3.5

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND **FROM:** Julia H. Cooper
CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: July 15, 2019

Approved

Date

7/23/19

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE CHARGES TO BE PLACED ON THE 2019-2020 SANTA CLARA COUNTY SECURED PROPERTY TAX ROLL

RECOMMENDATION

Conduct a Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 annual report prepared by the Director of Finance detailing the Residential Solid Waste Collection Service Charges filed with the City Clerk's Office; and adopt a resolution to confirm the approval of the report and the placement of charges as set forth therein on the 2019-2020 Santa Clara County Secured Property Tax Roll, with such modifications the City Council may make based on public hearing testimony.

OUTCOME

Conducting the public hearing and adopting the recommended resolution will allow the City of San José to place Residential Solid Waste Collection Service Charges on the 2019-2020 Santa Clara County Secured Property Tax Roll for the billing and collection of approximately \$102.3 million in revenue to cover costs related to the City of San Jose's Solid Waste Collection Services Program.

BACKGROUND

On September 17, 2013, the City Council approved a service delivery strategy to collect Recycle Plus payments for garbage and recycling services for single family residential households within the City of San José ("City") through the Santa Clara County ("County") Secured Property Tax Roll. Subsequently on May 5, 2015, Ordinance No. 29562 was passed by the City Council amending Chapter 9.10 of the City of San José Municipal Code ("Code") to allow for the billing and collection of fees for Solid Waste Collection Service, for each fiscal year placing such on the

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County Secured Property Tax Bill and collected in the same manner, by the person and at the same time as, and together with and not separate from, general taxes.

On June 11, 2019, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 79131 to establish the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Residential Solid Waste Collection Service Charges and set rates for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Section 9.10.1202, Section B of the Code requires that “at least fifteen days in advance of the last Council meeting before the City is required to provide the County Tax Assessor with the amount of the Solid Waste Collection Service Charges for the purpose of placing the Solid Waste Collection Services Charges on the tax roll, the Director of Finance is hereby directed to prepare and file with the City Clerk a written report describing all parcels served by the solid waste collection system for which solid waste collection service charges are to be billed and collected on the tax roll, and the amount of the solid waste collection service charges for each such parcel for the forthcoming fiscal year, computed in conformity with the provisions of this part and the Council resolution establishing the Solid Waste Collection Service Charges for the forthcoming fiscal year”. These charges will appear as a single line item entitled “GARBAGE SVC-CURRENT” on each County Secured Property Tax bill and is collected by the County Tax Collector. Pursuant to an agreement between the City and the County, the County will remit 100 percent of the charges placed on the County Secured Property Tax Roll back to the City in two payments, typically in January and June. The County charges a 1.0 percent administration fee for this service that is deducted from the first payment remitted to the City.

ANALYSIS

The Finance Director’s written report for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 was submitted to the City Clerk’s Office on July 15, 2019. This report includes charges totaling approximately \$102.3 million and covers approximately 197,100 parcels. On June 18, 2019, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 79155 to set the Public Hearing for August 6, 2019 at 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the City Hall Council Chambers. The City Clerk will publish public notices in accordance with Section 9.10.1202 of the Code.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

Upon acceptance of this recommendation, staff will place the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Residential Solid Waste Collection Service Charges, as detailed above, on the 2019-2020 County Secured Property Tax Roll, with such modifications, if any, the City Council may make based on public hearing testimony scheduled to be heard on August 6, 2019.

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PUBLIC OUTREACH

With the adoption of Resolution No. 79155, the City Clerk's Office will publish the notice of the time and place of the public hearing as required by Section 9.10.1204 of the Code. In addition, this memorandum has been posted on the City's website for the August 6, 2019 Council agenda.

COORDINATION

This memo has been coordinated with the City Manager's Budget Office, the Environmental Services Department, the City Attorney's Office, and the City Clerk's Office.

COMMISSION COORDINATION

This item does not require any input from a board or commission.

COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

This action will result in the placement of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Residential Solid Waste Collection Service Charges of approximately \$102.3 million on the 2019-2020 County Secured Property Tax Roll. Revenues received from these charges have been allocated by the City Council to various allowable City functions as part of the 2019-2020 Adopted Budget.

CEQA

Not a Project, File No. PP17-010, City Organizational & Administrative Activities.

/s/

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