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TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Keith Stahley, City Manager

FROM: Josh Eggleston, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT:

Establishing a City Council committee to advise the City Council and City Manager on solid waste management policy and service rates.

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SUMMARY:

During the August 22, 2022, Public Hearing for Solid Waste Rates, City Council approved a motion requesting "City staff to begin work on a [solid waste] policy for City Council review that considers the following elements: equitable service provision and rates, Climate Action Plan elements, Oregon's Recycling Modernization Act, and review service options of other cities and counties." To further this

effort, Mayor Hoy appointed members of the Salem City Council to the Solid Waste Committee to advise the City Council and City Manager on the solid waste policy, service rates, and any other matter concerning solid waste management.

ISSUE:

Appointment of members to a standing committee of the City Council, known as the "Salem City Council Solid Waste Committee," to advise the City Council and City Manager on matters concerning solid waste management.

RECOMMENDATION:

Information only.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

During the August 22, 2022, Public Hearing for Solid Waste Rates, City Council approved a motion requesting "City staff to begin work on a [solid waste] policy for City Council review that considers the following elements: equitable service provision and rates, Climate Action Plan elements, Oregon's Recycling Modernization Act, and review service options of other cities and counties." Without a formal policy, staff rely on guidance from Salem Revised Code Chapter 47 and past precedence to set rates and review service options. To integrate new programs within existing guidance and consider changes to that guidance, clear direction in the form of an adopted City Council Policy is needed as Salem re-thinks how it manages solid waste. To further this effort, Mayor Hoy approved the formation of a committee of the City Council to advise the City Council and City Manager on the initial creation of a solid waste policy, solid waste service rates, and ongoing solid waste management policy issues. The committee shall be known as the "Salem City Council Solid Waste Committee," which may be referred to as the "Solid Waste Committee."

Matters to be considered by the Solid Waste Committee include:

- Solid waste policies;
- Solid waste service options and rates;
- Franchising and regulation of solid waste service providers; and
- Any other matters concerning solid waste management.

Mayor Hoy appointed the following City Council members to the Solid Waste Committee: Virginia Stapleton (Chair), Micki Varney, Deanna Gwyn, Linda Nishioka, and Julie Hoy (Alternate).

Solid waste management issues currently pending include the adoption of a Solid Waste Council Policy, requested solid waste service rates effective January 1, 2024, and implementation of Oregon's

Recycling Modernization Act (SB 582).

BACKGROUND:

Salem's solid waste services are provided by means of a regional, integrated solid waste system that spans two counties, franchises with six solid waste companies, and relies heavily on the infrastructure owned and operated by business, non-profit, and governmental solid waste partners (e.g., transfer stations, resource recovery facilities, and disposal sites).

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FRANCHISE ADMINISTRATOR

Attachments:

1. None