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Environment and Recycling Committee, Chair
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TO: Environment and Recycling Committee
FROM: John Kennedy Bailey, Chair
RE: Committee Meeting

A meeting of the Council Committee on Environment and Recycling will be held on Monday, May 20, 2019. The meeting will begin promptly at 5:30 PM in the AV Room, 3rd Floor of City Hall.

Agenda

PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. May 6, 2019

CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF RECYCLING PROGRAM & OPTIONS

DISCUSS CREATION OF "GREEN TEAM" TO PROMOTE RECYCLING IN CHARLESTON

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MINUTES

ENVIRONMENT & RECYCLING COMMITTEE MEETING

8:00 P.M. MAY 6, 2019
AV CONFERENCE ROOM

Committee Members Present: John Kennedy Bailey, Chair - Bruce King, Vice Chair
Bobby Haas - Sam Minardi - Robert Sheets

Others: Mayor Goodwin-Matt Sutton-Jonathan Storage-Kevin Baker
Brent Webster-John Shannon-Sam Strickland-Jennifer Pharr-Naomi Bays
Joe Jenkins-Terri Allen-Mackensie Spencer-Alexandra Gallo- Emmett Pepper
Rebecca Carballo

John Kennedy Bailey, Chairman called the meeting to order immediately following the City Council meeting on May 6, 2019, approximately 8:00PM.

The Chairman began by stating that this meeting will be mainly informational, and he would briefly provide a brief overview of his analysis and understanding of the current recycling program. Began by stating that some citizens have no clear understanding of the city's recycling program, i.e. what is recyclable and what is not. He also wanted to emphasize that the City Recycling program is NOT Slack Street, as the Slack Street facility is, and has always been run by the Kanawha County Solid Waste Authority. He went on to say that the City currently does single/mixed stream recycling which consists of: #1 and #2 plastics, cans, mixed paper, office paper and corrugated cardboard. He explained that the currently the City transports its recycling to the Raleigh County Beckley facility, as it is the closest facility that will sort the materials, and these are the only are the only recyclables that the Raleigh County facility will accept. There are additional costs that his process does incur i.e. labor costs, wear & tear on the trucks, fuel etc. The Chairman added that possible future options for the program could be: (a) City owned Material Recovery Center (MRF) far into future due to cost (b) transfer our recycling to a facility that we build, at a lower cost & get it into Semis or some other form of trucking, less expensive (c) contractor such as Waste Management to take our recycling to one of their facilities. There are obvious positives and negatives to each option. He went on to say that our goal long term is to dramatically increase the percentage of participation and tonnage, but we need to also be ready to handle to the increase. With that the Chairman opened the floor to questions/comments.

Sam Minardi asked about the overall costs of taking our recycling to Beckley.
John Shannon said that he did not have that info with him but could provide it to the Committee at any time.

Brent Webster mentioned that he Alex Gallo and several other staff met with Waste Management to discuss some possible partnering options to revise and or improve the program. The City still owned the Landfill and could build possibly a transfer station at that site at the City's expense.

There was conversation regarding the updating of the City Website, which most agreed needs total revamping and updating. Mayor Goodwin reiterated that streamlining and improving the City's website is an ongoing process but if the Committee has something that would like to see, or any errors are found to contact MacKensie Spenser.

In summary some of the immediate future goals are:

(1) Update the Website to accurately reflect what the city is currently recycling.
(2) Increase citizen participation in the recycling program, while reducing costs.
(3) Possibly working with other municipalities to help expand our program which would potentially be of benefit to us and them.

In conclusion the Chairman stated that the goal is to have a well-run, cost-efficient recycling program and welcomes any ideas and or suggestions to that end.

With that the Chairman entertained a motion to adjourn.

Sam Minardi made motion – Bobby Haas seconded.
Meeting was adjourned

Next Environment & Recycling Meeting was scheduled for:

Monday, May 20,2019 at 5:30pm in the Mayor's Conference Room