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Subject: Garbage et al
Meeting (if known): Regular Council Meeting today
Comments:

Having read through the information provided by administration I still stand opposed to the options provided. Given that the majority of citizens still view this as a service, decisions should be weighted based on that view. The 'math' still seems to indicate that homeowners will pay considerably more for this service than the proposed ('carrot on a stick') property tax reduction. Wages for the working class & those on fixed incomes have not been increased to accommodate this. Remember what the COS has offered as wage increases to many of its' own employees. Then there are the other looming increases in natural gas delivery and quite likely power and water. Since the SPS has high hopes of a massive budget increase would eliminate any property tax reduction. There is also a push for a downtown area. The COS debt is not being reduced in a meaningful and significant way.

The educational component only applies to those who will listen. Many residents have been reducing and recycling for years and we get it. Our home has been doing this for 30+ years. There will still be those who don't care and will continually mess up and dump their garbage wherever they choose. The option of variable cost for bin sizes is too high. Frequency of pick up is not a major concern but how will the green carts be emptied when the organics are frozen to the inside of the bin? Then there is is issue of the growing graveyard of bins. Any plans for that?

I would also like to know when the COS will implement plans to eliminate single use plastics, often called a ban on plastic bags since there are alternatives. Where is your push to have business and industry eliminate over packaging?

I have great concerns whether this notion of 'saving the landfill' for another 20 years is based on projected growth. That can has been kicked down the road for as long as I have lived here. There has been little or no effort to acquire land or partner with the RM's to have a new land fill. I did not see a clear plan to address the commercial and business/industry waste reduction and costs.

If any decision is reached today, the effects of that decision will impact everyone. Not just the residents but the Mayor and Council.

Attachments:

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