

**WARREN CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 3, 2022 – 7:30 PM**

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**OPENING OF MEETING**

Mayor David Wortman presided over the October 3, 2022, special meeting of Warren City Council in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present and responding to roll call were: Mayor David Wortman, Maurice Cashman, Danielle Flasher, Philip Gilbert (via Zoom), Wendy McCain, Jared Villella, and John Wortman. Members of City Staff present were Nancy Freenock, City Manager; Michael Holtz, DPW Director; and Teena Leary, Assistant City Clerk.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Mayor Wortman welcomed Brian Hagberg, reporter for YourDailyLocal.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mr. Villella made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cashman and carried unanimously.

**CURBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION CONTRACT**

Mr. Holtz stated that, as directed by motion of Council at the September 19 regular meeting, City Staff contacted Waste Management of Pennsylvania, Inc. to request that the company honor its bid prices beyond the sixty (60) days stated in the bid documents. The verbal response from Waste Management was that it was not willing to do so. In addition, Waste Management representatives verbally stated that the price for a one-year contract would likely be submitted at the rates provided for in year two of the prior bids. Therefore, under a one-year contract, the 2023 rates would be higher than those provided for under the bids for a three-year contract. Mr. Holtz indicated that City Staff recommended approval of a three-year contract with Waste Management for either once or twice per month curbside recycling collection.

There was considerable discussion regarding this matter and the following motions were made and votes taken:

Mr. J. Wortman made the motion to award the Curbside Recycling Collection contract to Waste Management of Pennsylvania, Inc. for a five-year\* contract for once per month collections and to affirm that effective January 1, 2023, the Recycling Collection Fee will be increased to \$5.36 per month. \*Three years with option for years four and five. The motion was seconded by Mr. Villella. The motion was subsequently withdrawn.

Mrs. McCain made the motion to amend the motion to be for a one-year contract with twice per month collections. The motion was seconded by Mayor Wortman. There was no vote on this motion as no bid had been let for a one-year contract.

Mrs. McCain made the motion to amend the motion to amend by advertising for a one-year contract with twice per month collections. Mayor Wortman seconded the motion. The motion failed with four nay votes cast by Mr. J. Wortman, Mr. Villella, Miss Flasher, and Mr. Gilbert and three votes in the affirmative cast by Mrs. McCain, Mr. Cashman, and Mayor Wortman.

Mr. J. Wortman made the motion to enter into a three-year contract with Waste Management of Pennsylvania, Inc., with the option to exercise years four and five, for twice per month collections

and to affirm that effective January 1, 2023, the Recycling Collection fee will be increased to \$6.29 per month. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cashman and carried with six votes in the affirmative and one nay vote cast by Mayor Wortman.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Wortman declared the meeting adjourned.