

# Committee of the Whole

RE: Solid Waste Contract

(3-25-26)

Roll Call,

Order of Meeting

Megan Robson introduces panel of COT reps and Priority Waste reps.

The process of the selection that resulted in Priority Waste as a top pic.

The result of 3600 Surveys were returned that were issued during the "Talking Trash" meetings.  
(sponsored by Komives & Gadus)

Missed collections and lack of communication surfaced.

The contract with Priority Waste will be for 5 years.

The value-added to the City of Toledo was reviewed and included:

- Improved Bulk Collection

- Customer Service

- Technology

- Robust Performance Metrics

Priority Integrated Technologies discussed and the Operational Command Center.

Technology & Cameras should ensure every stop is documented, routes are verified and customer interaction is backed by data.

The Priority Information Portal (PIT) was reviewed.

Community Education a big part .

Kramer:

Plans to hire union labor? Priority is neutral, but if employees wish to unionized then they can.  
The majority of any given employee yard holds the right to unionize if they choose.

Where are your recyclables sent? They will be collected and transferred to a MRF in Oberlin, OH.

McPherson: Bulk Pickups? (there will be daily pickups) / Improper eviction set outs will be tagged by Priority Waste and referred to Urban Beautification for collection, enforceable by ordinance.  
(Councilman Komives working on ordinance)

Manpower would be hired to accommodate the Toledo-market.

Martinez:

Will the receptacle be kept or will new ones be purchased? We will keep the current receptacles.

Read statement of Councilwoman Williams for the record (District 4/Council President)

How to work with current members without a union contract? Can any employee be displaced through this contract? Moving forward with Priority Waste will not affect any "City of Toledo" workers. (as per Megan Robson)

Bulk collection was being done with the Blight Team (COT employees, 1.7 million annually it cost)

Gadus asked for the result of the survey issued during the Talking Trash series.

Jenny Jaqua (Engage Toledo) spoke on "best practices metrics" that would be built into their contract with the COT.

Gadus: would like to see the data from the control centers from other cities to review.

Quarterly Business Reviews would be provided to Council.

Sarantou: How long would unionization take?

Why enter into contract with Toledo VS. LCSWD (Lucas County Solid Waste District)? Holding the provider accountable is a directly communicated with the City of Toledo (VS. Lucas County).

Jones: What has changed now that the new Priority Waste interim CEO has assumed this position?

What are the benefits for being hired in the City of Toledo. Incentives for being hired in the City of Toledo. September 1<sup>st</sup> is the scheduled start date for Priority Waste.

What if contract is not approved by Council? Then it would be bid out again (as per Megan Robson)

Sarantou: What communication was made to LCSWD RE: complaints about Republic Services?

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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