

City Council Hybrid Meeting (Closed Session - 5:00 PM and Open Session - 6:00 PM)

Meeting Time: 10-25-22 17:00

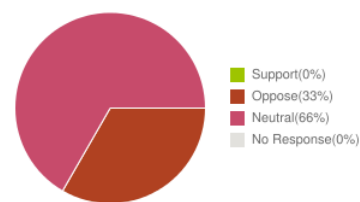
eComments Report

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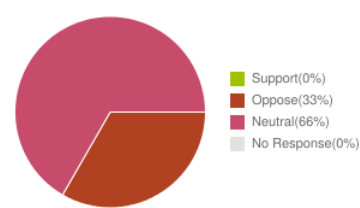
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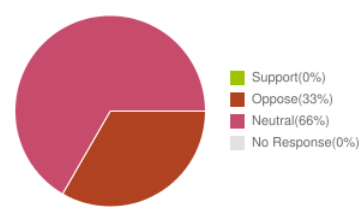
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Dean Francois

Location: 90254, Hermosa Beach
Submitted At: 1:34pm 10-25-22

I would like to congratulate the city staff, and environmental programs manager Mr Krause. They have done a tremendous job regarding this issue.

I attended the previous council meeting regarding this contract and Many of the issues that were addressed at the last meeting have been addressed.

It does come to question however why it takes a renewal of a contract to get these issues taken care of. And does question why we are not considering going out with a new RFP.

Some of the issues that were addressed at the previous council meeting have not been addressed in the staff report are open dumpsters, overflowing dumpsters, dumpsters blocking fire lanes and roadways, loud and noisy double haulers, and a switch to electric vehicles. Also, going forward what type of complaint system is in place where there is accountability. This, and other issues that may come up in the future have not been adequately put together in some form of complaint system so going forward the community knows how to voice its problems when it comes to street sweeping and trash hauling issues. the contractor must be held accountable for it.

Thank you for your concerns

[Www.deanforcouncil.com](http://www.deanforcouncil.com)

Tony Higgins

Location:

Submitted At: 9:29am 10-25-22

1. City staff must overwhelming demonstrate to the council that the benefits of NOT bidding out this large contract outweigh the benefits of bidding. The default should be to bid.

2. This is a real big contract. If the city is not going to bid it out it would be best to respect the upcoming election and defer a decision until the new Councilmembers can weigh in.

A new set of eyes can't hurt.

So unless there is an overwhelmingly clear reason to push through this contract at the last minute and before the election the council should defer a decision.

HowardL HowardL

Location:

Submitted At: 4:10am 10-25-22

This is a no brainer. Another railroad-job of a major, major contract two weeks before the council election. How outrageous once again this incredibly-dishonorable City Council / Suja Lowenthal operation is. This massive 10 to 20 year city-wide trash collection and street sweeping contract needs to go out for bid via Request For Proposals (RFPs). ____NP____

With all due respect, the very idea that a Hawthorne resident, the "environmental programs manager" operating right under the nose of City Manager Suja Lowenthal's ever-more-bloated city-manager office-bureaucracy, is to be negotiating with Athens, a private company, and I assume their main, guy Mr. Gary Clifford probably one of the sharpest negotiators in he country, is beyond crazy ludicrous. ____NP____

10 years ago I remember well when Mr. Clifford stated in Council that Athens was "going to knock our socks off" with performance. Now we have three sets of incredibly noisy trucks tearing up the street pavement slamming down their plastic wheel noisy trash carts every trash, all day long. Why can't there crappy carts have rubber wheels?

Anyway it's like an ant negotiating with elephant, the "environmental programs manager" negotiating with Mr. Clifford, who does this year-in and year-out with cities all over. We've already seen how the residents and businesses got snookered with the organics racket by this City Council's laziness. ____NP____

If it's such a great deal that Mr. Gary Clifford and Athens is to be offering, and with virtually no input from the residents and businesses who will be paying the bills for the next 10 to 20 years, Mr. Clifford and Athens can submit their great, great offer when three to five other major trash operators get to bid on this incredibly lucrative

plum of a contract for a trash company, that is Hermosa Beach. ____NP____

The comparisons of all the other cities presented in the staff report is ludicrous. That's comparing apples and oranges. This city is only 1.3 square miles, all packed in for efficient trash pickup. It's a an incredible lucrative plum and if it isn't put out to bid you will have to wonder who's been corrupted in city to not want to put it out for bid as every sane city would do. And note the cost for a good RFP process will be borne by the winning bidder.
____NP____

In my view a city council, and city manager that claims we are getting the best bid by not bidding is smoking something, or are just too lazy to go through the proper bid process or there's some flat out corruption taking place. ____NP____

This contract needs to go out to bid so other companies can let us know what's really going on. ____NP____

Stop this nonsense and start an RFP process. Stop with another railroading through of a major contract right before an election. It really is time for an undercover FBI investigation of this city if such is not already going on.
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Put the Trash and Street Sweeping contracts out for bid the way all smart cities do after 7 to 10 years. If Athens wins the contract, it will be an even better contract than what's going to be in the Kool Aid council will drink up.
____NP____

My views of course. RFP - RFP - RFP.