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Cheri/Keri,

Sorry this is so late

Can you post this as public comment under Item #18 on tonight's agenda?

Did the City not recently (2021) give Waste Management (WM) an extension of 4 years beginning January 1, 2022 and agree to rate increases as part of that contract extension? Why would the City allow them to open the contract hardly one year later and accommodate with them additional increases? Do you think if fuel prices or other costs that Waste Management incurs under the contract were lower than expected due to circumstances beyond the control of either party, WM would offer to amend the contract to lower their rates to the City's residents? Grateful that WM is paying a housing allowance to attract and retain employees in our community, but should the City fund this practice by WM when the City has been unwilling to offer or fund similar housing allowances to solve its own critical staffing shortages? The most outrageous rationale of this whole exercise is the City's Staff's conclusion that agreeing to these contract changes will motivate WM to comply with the numerous conditions of the original contract, conditions that the City and Staff have repeatedly failed to enforce or require. At what point does the Commissioners and City Staff exercise their obligation to negotiate with WM in the best interests of residents and taxpayers?

Thank you

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Abe Lincoln, Gettysburg Address**

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Margaret Mead**

