

Sue Harrison

From: Cheri Smith
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2014 1:08 PM
To: Sue Harrison
Subject: FW: Waste Management Contract

Please forward to the Mayor and Commissioners and post on the web site.

Thank you!

From: kwbigbird [mailto:kwbigbird@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2014 12:13 PM
To: C. Smith
Subject: Waste Management Contract

Hi... Please forward this memo to Mayor Cates and the Commissioners and read into the record on Sept 3rd...

Mayor Cates...and Commissioners.

Tonight you are reviewing the new contract between Waste Management and the City of Key West..as I understand it..you are considering returning to one pick-up per week and by doing so will not impose the new rate increase, which in my opinion is insignificant in relationship to the benefit of twice weekly pickups.

When the contract was awarded it was for twice a week pick-up..that is what many of us want..

My argument from the beginning is that once a week pick-up is not equivalent to twice a week pick-up...no matter how you spin it. If you miss your pick-up day you must wait a week for the next pick-up.

The former contract included twice a week pick-up for solid waste and yard waste. When we were reduced to once a week pickup...we did not get a decrease in fees.

If you cut the service you must also reduce the cost, significantly...

I believe that the cost increase for twice weekly pickup is insignificant...I also believe that yard waste should be picked up twice weekly. The idea that once a week pickup increases recycle participation is opinion.. the fact that Waste Management will not pickup recycle bins if they are "contaminated" is unacceptable...that is their job to separate...not ours...given the number of tourists who, knowingly or not, deposit their trash in bins left on the street for pickup.

I also question why we, the City, should be paying for the trash containers...that should have been the responsibility of the trash hauler..not us.

Lastly...by changing the contract after the fact you may be opening the door for Advance Waste to appeal the awarding of the contract to Waste Management.

Sincerely....Allen Tidball

Sent via the Samsung GALAXY S™4, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone