

**PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE**  
**MOTION SUMMARY**  
**November 12, 2020**

ITEM 1. Roll Call

Chairman Jones called the virtual meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Councilmember George Hellinger and Councilmember Cory Hoffman and Chairman Chris Jones

City Staff Present: Bill Ferrigno, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Justin Nahvi, Finance Director and Blake Jordan, Public Utilities Director

ITEM 2. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary of the Public Works/Public Utilities Committee meeting held August 4, 2020 as recorded and transcribed.

**Motion:** Mr. Hellinger moved to approve the Motion Summary of the Public Works/Public Utilities Committee meeting held August 4, 2020, seconded by Vice-Chairman Hoffman. Motion approved by a 3-0 vote.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Viall  
766 Jonathan Place  
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Viall discussed that he recently moved here from Kettering, Ohio and that the senior discount was provided to anyone over the age of 65. He also discussed that there was a safety issue as that the smaller trash containers demonstrate that there are senior citizens that reside alone.

Mr. Ferrigno did clarify that the 32-gallon refuse container was not limited to senior citizens and that citizens do request the smaller can and pay full price.

ITEM 4. DISCUSSION over changes to the Senior Discount of Refuse Fees

Mr. Ferrigno discussed the request regarding senior discount to expand eligibility. Current requirements are 55 years or older and living alone. He discussed how the changes to the senior discount can affect other residents. The current rate is \$20.60 a month, which is a 50% discount. He discussed proposed rates with the 10% or 15% senior discount and the impact it would have. The current senior citizen discount for surround areas is around 10% to 11.5%. Items for discussion included; expanding eligibility receiving discount to include single, married, and head of household senior citizen residents,

revise the age for senior discount eligibility, revise %discount for seniors to align with local area values, revised Refuse Code language governing tipcart storage to be out of site on non-collection days. Rates do not reflect potential increase in monthly refuse fees associated with increasing operating costs or fund balance requirements. Refuse rates are anticipated to increase substantially over the next five years. There will be upcoming equipment replacement that will also affect the operating costs.

Mr. Hoffman clarified that the more eligible for discount then the monthly cost reflects on those that do not receive the discount. Mr. Hellinger voiced concerns on basing a discount on a age factors. Discount should be based on need and not arbitrary figure of senior 55 years of age and living alone. He also discussed that the City of Delaware is a targeted community for retirement population and not contributing to the income tax. He discussed that the need should be based on fixed income and need, regardless of age. Mr. Hellinger discussed the need for the policy to be reevaluated.

Mr. Ferrigno discussed some code changes needed regarding the placement of tip carts and piloting of refuse recycling. Mr. Nahvi discussed grandfathering in those eligible now for discount if there are changes to age and threshold. He discussed the look to increase rates for refuse and storm water to be in effect in 2022.

ITEM 5. STAFF COMMENTS

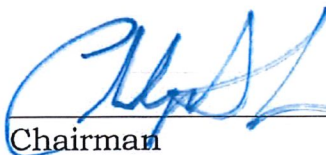
No additional staff comments.

ITEM 6. MEMBER COMMENTS

No additional member comments.

ITEM 7. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Mr. Hellinger motioned to adjourn the Public Works/Public Utilities Committee meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

  
Chairman

  
Elaine McCloskey, Clerk