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Good afternoon

City Council delayed action on the purchase of a medium size solid waste truck for PRPL until a discussion on trash service for City Parks could take place between PRPL and PWD. PRPL and Solid Waste (SW) Supervisors have had several discussions and Mike Whitaker, PRPL staff, SW supervisor, and myself had a meeting to discuss efficiencies of trash collection between our Departments. We discussed the expectations of Parks customers for trash removal. Currently PRPL staff empty park trash cans 7 days a week, and some parks are emptied multiple times daily depending on usage. PRPL uses smaller trash cans that are located in numerous sites around the park. This often requires the smaller trash truck to drive into the park to empty the cans. PRPL supervisors tailor the trash collection to meet the daily needs of each park. Their collection is completely random and does not work on a scheduled pick up day and time. PW Solid Waste is very efficient at trash collection because we have scheduled routes with consistent times and days for pickup. Our residential drivers pickup over 1100 cans / day and commercial 120 containers / daily. We are not designed to have random stops. Solid Waste also does not work on Sundays, which would require us to have overtime costs. From our discussions it would appear that PRPL continuing to provide the trash collection service to the parks will provide a higher customer service and cost effective. It would be both Mike and my recommendation that PRPL purchase the truck and continue their services.

During our discussions we did discover that PRPL and Solid Waste provide trash collection to special events. PRPL does not charge events for trash pickup and Solid Waste does. Mike and I are going to review how events are serviced going forward and what is the most appropriate Department to provide these services.

I hope this helps provide clarity to the Mayor and Council's questions on providing trash collection to City Parks. The current trash collection service by PRPL to parks would appear to be the most efficient and cost effective.

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