

**Adopted Minutes  
Special Council Meeting  
May 22, 2007**

Mayor Slavik called a special meeting of the Plymouth City Council to order at 5:32 p.m. in the Medicine Lake Room of City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Boulevard, on May 22, 2007.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Slavik, Councilmembers Willis, Murdock, Black, Stein, and Bildsoe.

ABSENT: Councilmember Hewitt

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ahrens, Administrative Services Director McGann, City Engineer Moberg, Administrative Services Intern Paye, and Deputy City Clerk Olson.

**Discuss Organized Garbage Collection**

Administrative Services Director McGann introduced Leila Paye, an intern in the Administrative Services department. She reported that Ms. Paye has worked with many other communities to gather information on organized garbage collection and has prepared the materials for discussion.

City Manager Ahrens distributed a handout and article on what some other cities are currently doing with garbage collection.

Councilmember Stein wanted to know how much would be saved in street repairs if garbage hauling became organized. City Engineer Moberg stated that roads considered for repair depend on the percent of trucks, population growth, anticipated loads and many other factors. He stated that garbage trucks make up six to seven percent of traffic on the roads.

Council discussed the cost savings to residents between organized and non-organized programs.

Councilmember Bildsoe discussed the agreement between the City of Falcon Heights and licensed garbage haulers in their city. The conditions in the agreement are in the best interest of the garbage haulers and the city. He suggested that they publish the rates of the current garbage haulers so that residents could make informed decisions.

Councilmember Stein said he understood that there could be cost savings but to organize garbage collection for 70,000 people is not practical.

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Councilmember Black stated that she supports organized garbage collection and suggested that it be organized similar to the recycling program and then phase it in over several months. She added they would have some control over pricing structures.

Mayor Slavik stated she did not want to pursue the issue but felt they could follow up on some of the issues raised such as the wear and tear on the streets. Mayor Slavik felt that homeowner associations and neighborhoods could organize themselves if they have strong feelings. Councilmember Willis did not want to pursue the issue either but did agree with Councilmember Bildsoe about publishing rates for each hauler. Councilmember Murdock was not ready to pursue the issue but felt that if the rates were published, haulers would be more likely to keep those rates.

City Engineer Moberg stated that the most damage to the streets is in cul-de-sacs and described a new product that is available. Mayor Slavik directed staff to review that option in the next sealcoating process.

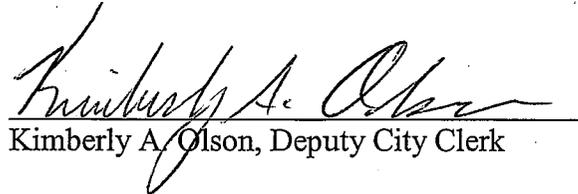
Councilmember Bildsoe would like to establish communication with the haulers and communicate the Council's concerns about roads, etc.

Councilmember Black would like to see organics collection. She also suggested that agreements with garbage haulers are needed. Councilmember Murdock would like to see an article featured in the Environmental Extra.

Council directed staff to come up with some suggestions based on the issues outlined in the meeting.

Councilmember Black asked if the Environmental Quality Committee should be involved. Councilmember Bildsoe suggested receiving the staff report and then involve the Environmental Quality Committee.

The meet was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

  
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Kimberly A. Olson, Deputy City Clerk