

Mayor Bagwell, Supervisors Giomi, White, Horton and Schuette,

In regard to item 22B.

It is my hope to make it to the meeting but if I cannot, I would like to ensure that my comments are shared.

It is proposed that \$147,290 in federal grants are to be used to purchase collection bins that will be utilized to remove 1,000 tons of biomass over 6 years on the West side of Carson City. As the owner of a business that owns multiple dumpsters and rents them, I would like to share my experience in this subject.

The cost of equipment has skyrocketed over the past couple of years. The \$147,290 a couple of years ago would have been able to purchase the bins needed but no longer. For your initial equipment if utilizing a trailer style system you are looking at a minimum of \$30,000 per trailer and bin. With the additional cost of a vehicle capable of towing the equipment and added weight, even at fleet pricing a capable diesel truck costs at least \$40,000. With fees and upgrades, the budgeted amount may only purchase you two set ups, just one if you get a good truck. If you are looking at a roll off or hook lift truck, then your cost is substantially more at around \$160,000 per truck that may not even include a single bin. Then there is the additional cost of maintenance and maintenance burden on our already overburdened city vehicle maintenance crews.

There is a possible solution that would provide the residents dumpsters for yard debris and save the city from all of these costs. Our tow truck businesses and funeral homes already have a system in place that our local dumpster rental businesses can utilize.

There are several of us local dumpster rental businesses. We could work on a rotating schedule for the city. I propose that we determine a way for us to work together, we could do this by the customer, day, week, month, quarter or as this is a 6-year project we could alternate years. This would save the city a tremendous amount of time and added costs. While also supporting locally owned small businesses. We can work together to create a flat rate system for yard debris and dump at the city landfill under the city's name. The costs, other than the dump fees will be solely incurred by our businesses. We could even utilize Full Circle soils and compost to recycle the green waste instead of burying in the landfill. There would be no added costs to the residents as we could use the funds from grant to pay per dumpster at a discounted rate to our businesses. We would be saving the city added financial burden of employee costs, equipment costs, maintenance, and headache. Giving local businesses an opportunity to grow.

The Carson City Fire Department has been doing a fantastic job in the past. I see them regularly at the landfill and they are always professional. It is not my intention to take work away from the fire department but to work with them and our other local businesses so that our community can be protected from disaster and promote healthy local business growth.

Thank you,
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