CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

Presentation - Once Weekly Solid Waste Collection
September 8, 2009

Background

One June 8, 2009, the Council voted to approve Motion #120-06-09 – Pilot Once-a-Week Trash Collection

1)Draft Implementation Plan

2)Community Education Component

3)Identify heavy use households

4)Interviews with neighboring communities

5)Duration of Pilot Program should allow the City to collect in the winter and summer months

6)City would provide refuse carts to households that need twice a-week

Current Collection Schedule

- Over 3400 households are collected twice-a-week
  Four trucks, with staff of 3 people

- Approximately half of the City has pick up on Monday/Thursday and half on Tuesday/Friday
  (See provided maps)

- Historically, the second day of pick up was for bulk trash, but it has gradually expanded to second day of collection, in addition to bulk items

- Wednesday is for Yard Waste and White Goods collection

Pilot Proposal

- Proposal focuses on community outreach, first
- Making sure routes are relatively balanced
- Keep changes for residents to a minimum

Pilot Proposal con't

- Proposed program begins after the holiday season – Monday, January 4, 2010 – December 31, 2010

- Approximately ¼ of the City will be picked up each day (See provided map)

- The existing 4 routes were split in half

Pilot Proposal con't

- Wednesdays will remain the day for yard waste, tires and White goods collection
- The new routes will be picked up with three trucks, with a crew of 3 people
- On holiday weeks, solid waste collection will take place one or two days earlier and yard waste and White goods will not be collected

Pilot Proposal con't

- Additional Refuse Carts

  We are proposing that residents be allowed to purchase carts, at the City's cost, through December 1, 2009

- New cart policy - In preparation for the pilot kick off, no carts can be purchased during the month of December. The City will conduct a survey to identify, households that need more container space based on volume, and provide them with carts. After January, residents can again purchase an additional cart, as supplies allow

Community Information

- Solid waste will be collected one day per week only, including bulk items
- Yard waste, tires and White goods will continue to be collected only on Wednesdays
- Recycling is provided by Prince George's County and will remain a separate service from the City Collection, per the County schedule
- Some residents will set out all three types of solid waste for collection on the same day (Trash, Recycling and Bulk items)

Community Information

Per Council's direction, three required public meetings as follows:

9/21 – 7 p.m. – Council Chambers

9/29 – 7 p.m. – Magruder Park building

10/3 – 10:30 a.m. – St. Matthews

Fiscal and Operational Impact

- The Management and Efficiency Study indicates that annual savings could range from $231,559 - $398,664 with a permanent once weekly solid waste collection
- The pilot program does not recommend a staff reduction
- It is expected that savings will be realized during the pilot program due to less vehicle related expenses and temporary labor

Conclusion

- Enact New Cart Policy
- Approve purchase of additional load of carts
- Changes to the Chapter 65 of the Code
- Begin community information
- Pilot kickoff on January 4, 2010