

## CITY COUNCIL STUDY MINUTES

January 24, 2011

Mayor Vierra called the Study Session to order at 6:08 p.m. with the following in attendance:

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Durossette, Lane, Ochoa, Mayor Vierra

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion of Coordinating the Street Sweeping Schedule with the Residential Leaf and Limb Collection Services.

Glenn Gebhardt, Public Works Director, City Engineer, presented the report to Council stating that Staff has been working with both Clean Sweep Environmental and Bertolotti Ceres Disposal to come up with a way to coordinate the street sweeping schedule and the residential leaf and limb collection schedule in an effort to keep debris from piling up in the streets and increase the effectiveness of the street sweeping.

Residents eligible to participate in the curbside leaf and limb collection program are those living in single family homes, duplexes, triplexes or fourplexes on one piece of property. Residential leaf and limb collection occurs every other week year round. Presently, the only requirement for the residents placing their leaves and limbs in the street is to do so at least one day ahead of their collection day. Some residents place their leaves and limbs on the street for up to two weeks, making it difficult to keep the streets clean.

Currently, Bertolotti Ceres Disposal operates the leaf and limb collection equipment every day, Monday through Friday. There are ten leaf and limb collection routes; each route gets collected bi-weekly.

Clean Sweep Environmental sweeps residential streets every other week, and sweeps commercial and downtown area streets twice weekly. The current schedule primarily consist of five routes, plus the commercial and downtown areas.

It is proposed that the street sweeping schedule and leaf and limb collection schedule be better coordinated. This would involve the following:

Limit the time when residents may set their leaves and limb piles in the street to no more than seven days prior to their scheduled collection date. This would still allow residents adequate time to work on their yards and place leaves and limbs in the street, including the weekend prior to their collection date. The bi-weekly leaf and limb collection schedule would remain the same.

Schedule the residential streets to be swept two business days after the leaves and limbs are collected. This means that the residential street sweeping schedule would need to consist of ten routs to match the routes in the leaf and limb collection schedule. An educational campaign will be used to let the residents know ahead of time about the changes.

If Council is agreeable, staff will develop a brochure with the new street sweeping schedule, and include limitations on the timing of placing leaves and limbs in the street; run announcements in the Courier; post information on City's website; and placing schedule in current water bill.

COUNCIL DIRECTION

Council accepted report and directed staff to move forward with the changes. Council requested that the announcements and printed materials be distributed in both English and Spanish where not cost prohibitive.

There being no further business, Mayor Vierra adjourned the Study Session at 6:16 p.m.

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Chris Vierra, Mayor

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Cindy Heidorn, CMC,  
City Clerk