

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

- 1. Call to Order** – Mayor Gerry called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call** – Mayor Brent Gerry and Mayor Pro Tem Rich Buel were present. Council Members Tony Benegas, Richard Bloom, Gail Brown, Byron Martin, Ron Hayden, Robert Perkes. Staff members present were Community Development Director Aaron Lambert, Police Chief Brian McElroy, Finance Director Jessica Platt, Public Works Director Roscoe Slade, and City Clerk Julie Richardson.
- 3. Presentation - Cost to Provide Curb-Side Recycling and Curb-Side Yard Waste Services** – Darrick Dietrich, from Ed’s Disposal gave a presentation, and answered questions, on curb-side recycling and yard waste services options and costs.

Mitch May, West Richland, said grass clippings are mostly water and he doesn’t see the need for green waste recycling.

Don Englemann, West Richland, asked if there would be start-up costs for the City. He also said green waste is being collected already commensurate to the second garbage bin. Also, the graph that Mr. Dietrich displayed shows values for those recyclable materials are staying low, so the City would be at risk for future price increases for recycling services.

Darrick Dietrich responded that there will be no startup costs for the City.

Merle Johnson commented that the recycling bins are always full so those who want to recycle are already doing so. He doesn’t see a need for curb-side recycling.

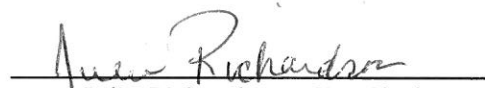
Peggy Panisko said she recycles and there are plenty of options to recycle. She doesn’t feel there is a need for curb-side recycling. Clayton Ward, Goodwill, and recycling bins are already available. She did say there is a need for extra recycling bins.

Mary Jean Knight recycles and is for recycling. She did some research and Richland lets anyone who wants to opt out to do so without a penalty. She does not want extra costs to West Richland residents for recycling.

Jon Swanson said more recycling bins are needed. He commented that there is not enough profit in recyclables for companies to provide that service without charging residents. He doesn’t feel that residents should be forced to pay for curb-side recycling when there are other options available.

- 5. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.


Brent Gerry, Mayor


Julie Richardson, City Clerk