



White Salmon City Council Meeting

A G E N D A

March 19, 2025 – 6:00 PM

119 NE Church Ave and Zoom Teleconference

Meeting ID: **824 5005 4367**

Call In: 1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82450054367>

- I. **Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement, and Presentation of the Flag**
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Changes to the Agenda**
 - A. Add Consent Agenda E. Approval of Resolution 2025-03-620 City Wide Garage Sale April 11 & 12.
- IV. **Presentations**
 - A. Introduction of Jennifer Neil - Director of Finance & Operations
 - B. Women's History Month Presentation
 - C. Life Saving Award - Presented by Chief Mike Hepner
To: Officer Will Sauter
- V. **Public Comment**

Any public in attendance at the meeting (either in person or via Zoom) will be provided an opportunity to make public comment of a general nature in the time allotted. No registration is required. Each person will be allowed three minutes for comment.
- VI. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. Authorizing cancellation of April 2 regular city council meeting
 - B. Approval of Leak Credit Request for Skyline Hospital - In the amount of \$16,074.61.
 - C. Approval of Meeting Minutes - March 5, 2025, Council Meeting
 - D. Approval of Vouchers
- VII. **Business Items**
- VIII. **Reports and Communications**
 - A. Department Head Reports
 - B. City Administrator Brief
 - C. Council Member Reports
 - D. Committee Reports
- IX. **Executive Session (if needed)**
- X. **Adjournment**

File Attachments for Item:

A. Add Consent Agenda E. 2025-03-620 City Wide Garage Sale April 11 & 12.

RESOLUTION 2025-03-620

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WHITE SALMON, WASHINGTON, GRANTS PERMISSION FOR A CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE TO BE HELD APRIL 11 & 12, 2025 IN COORDINATION WITH COMMUNITY CLEAN UP.

WHEREAS, the City of White Salmon grants permission for White Salmon Business Community to participate in the City Wide Garage Sale April 11 & 12, 2025 inside city limits; and

WHEREAS, the City of White Salmon grants permission for White Salmon Residents to participate in the City Wide Garage Sale April 11 & 12, 2025 inside city limits;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITE SALMON, WASHINGTON, as follows:

1. The City of White Salmon hereby extends permission to White Salmon businesses and residents to forgo a Garage Sale Permit to participate in the City-Wide Garage Sale on April 11 & 12, 2025 in cooperation with the Community Clean-Up.
2. All participants will be provided with the Garage Sale WSMC attached as exhibit A.

ADOPTED at a regular session of the City Council of White Salmon this 19th day of March 2025.

CITY OF WHITE SALMON, WASHINGTON

Marla Keethler, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Troy Rosenburg, Deputy Clerk

Shawn MacPherson, City Attorney



CITY OF WHITE SALMON

GARAGE / YARD SALE PERMIT

White Salmon Municipal Code, Chapter 5.12 - Yard and Garage Sales, states:

“5.12.010 - Definitions.

As used in this chapter: A. "Person" means any corporation, individual or members of a family residing in a household conducting a sale. B. "Yard/garage sale" means any retail sale of personal property conducted in or near a residence, under cover, partially undercover or completely outside of any residential building, in the open. This definition shall not include a situation where no more than five specific items are held out for sale and all advertisement of such sale specifically names those items to be sold.

5.12.020 - Frequency-Hours.

No person shall operate, conduct, manage or permit a yard/garage sale upon his premises or any other property under his control more often than two times during any twelve-month period and the sale shall not be continued for a period of more than four consecutive days nor more than four days in any month and shall be conducted during daylight hours only.

5.12.030 - Placards and advertising.

No person shall place any cards or placards advertising a yard sale on any property other than property owned by the person conducting the sale without the consent of the owner. The signs shall not be posted more than seventy-two hours prior to the sale and shall be removed within twenty-four hours after the closing of the sale.

5.12.040 - Permit-Required.

Any person desiring to hold a yard/garage sale shall obtain a permit from the office of the city clerk, who shall issue the permit if the police department determines the sale at the location applied for will not create a traffic hazard and the application is in compliance with this chapter. There shall be no fee for the permit. The permit shall be posted in public view at the site of the sale. No more than five families shall participate in any yard/garage sale. A bona fide charitable organization shall be considered one family for the purpose of this chapter.

5.12.050 - Permit-Cancelled and rescheduled sale.

In the event of inclement weather and the sale for which a permit has been issued is not held on the dates for which the permit is issued, the person wishing to conduct a sale may apply for a new permit upon the submission of an affidavit to the City Hall attesting to the fact that the original sale date was cancelled due to inclement weather.

5.12.060 - Patio sales, rummage sales, etc.

Included in the definition of garage/yard sales are all such sales also known as patio sales, rummage sales and the like.

5.12.070 - Violation-Penalty.

Any person found to be in violation of this chapter shall be fined the sum of not less than fifty dollars per violation each day the violation continues shall be considered a separate violation.”

File Attachments for Item:

B. Approval of Leak Credit Request for Skyline Hospital - In the amount of \$16,074.61.



COUNCIL REPORT



Business Item



Consent Agenda

Needs Legal Review:

No.

Meeting Date:

March 19, 2025

Agenda Item:

Consent Agenda item

Presented By:

Paul Koch, ICA

Action Required:

A motion to grant Skyline Hospital a one-time water rate reduction of \$16,074.61 in alignment with current City policy (Municipal Code 13.06.048) based on a leak in the water system.

Motion for Business Item / Proposed Motion for Consent Agenda:

Move to grant Skyline Hospital a one-time water rate reduction in the amount of \$16,074.61 as a result of a water system leak.

Background of Issue:

Skyline Hospital experienced a leak in their water system in late January of 2025. The leak was brought to the attention of the Hospital by City staff on February 5, 2025. The cause of the leak was a condensate tank float that was stuck. That switch has been repaired, and the problem no longer exists. The Hospital has requested a rate reduction to accommodate the leak impact. The formal request form is attached for Council information.

Council Options:

City Council has the following options available at this time:

1. Vote to approve the requested rate adjustment of \$16,074.61.
2. Do not approve the requested rate reduction.
3. Other actions as may be desired by the City Council.

Fiscal Analysis:

This action will have the impact of reducing City water rate revenues by \$16,074.61.

Recommendation of Staff/Committee:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the request made by Skyline Hospital.

Follow Up Action:

No follow up action is required.

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CITY OF WHITE SALMON

REQUEST FOR ONE TIME REDUCTION IN BILL DUE TO LEAKAGE

Note: In the event of a leak or failure in the service pipe, the owner may be entitled to a one-time adjustment on their bill with the following guidelines:

1. The landowner must report the leak's discovery to the city within seventy-two (72) hours and
2. Provide photos of the leak or failure, piping being repaired, and repair of leak or failure accompanied by receipt for labor and/or repair materials within five (5) days of discovery.
3. Maintainable fixtures such as toilets, sinks, showers, sprinkler systems, above ground plumbing and other similar plumbing as determined by the City are not eligible for the leak forgiveness program.
4. Failure of the owner or tenant to perform general maintenance and to make reasonable efforts, as determined by the City, to prevent damage from occurring shall result in being ineligible for the leak forgiveness program.
5. Depending on the age, condition or type of plumbing being repaired; the City reserves the right to require the replacement of plumbing to be considered eligible for the leak forgiveness program.
6. Irrigation water meter accounts are not eligible for the leak forgiveness program.

All applications for adjustments will be submitted and reviewed by the City Clerk/Treasurer. The adjusted rate for the period in which the leak was detected shall be equal to one-half of the difference between the bill to be adjusted and the metered water charges for the same period from the previous year and month the leak was detected. This amount must be greater than or equal to \$100.00 to be eligible for the adjustment.

Excess sewer charges due to water line leaks shall be adjusted accordingly. All leak adjustments must be approved by the City Clerk/Treasurer prior to credit on account. Unless otherwise stated in this chapter, each water account shall be entitled to the benefits of this section not more than once per property owner on any meter or subsequent meter for the same location. The maximum amount of the water forgiveness shall not exceed \$500.00 without council approval.

Date 2/4/25 Customer Name Skyline Hospital Acct # [REDACTED]
 Address 211 NE Skyline Dr.
 Billing period from 1/1/25 to 1/30/25 Usage Metered 1,453 gallons.
 Bill Date 1/30/25 Consumption Billed (not bill total) \$ 12,488.79
 Date and how you became aware of the leak Date 2/5/25 How you came to know about leak City called
 Date you notified City of leak _____
 Description of cause of leak or excess water use Condensate tank float switch stuck
 Are repairs completed on the leak? ☒ Y ☐ N If No, when will they be completed? _____
 Detailed explanation of repair and who did the repair Replace float switch
 Has an insurance claim been filed? Y ☒ N ☐ If so, have you received reimbursement? Y ☐ N ☒

I request a reduction of my water bill, based on an unknown leak, and further state that as soon as I was made aware of the leak, I immediately took steps to reduce the same. By signing this form, I acknowledge that these statements are true and accurate.

Signed

Date

2/19/25

P.O. Box 2139, 100 N Main Street, White Salmon, WA. 98672

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Office of City Hall



Customer Name: Skyline Hospital Attn: Accounts Payable

Account Number: XXXX

Service Address: 211 NE Skyline Drive

Facts:

1. The city currently reads meters every month. The meter for this account was read the first week of January and February 2025 and covers water usage for December 2024 and January 2025. The meter reading showed that 3,615,00 gallons of water had been used for the time period. The property owner was notified by letter of high usage compared to the same time period in 2023 and 2024.
2. The property owner submitted a "Request for One-time Reduction in Bill Due to Leakage" dated February 19, 2025.
3. The property owner stated in the request that the leak was caused by "condensate tank float switch stuck."
4. The property owner stated in the request that the leak was fixed by "repaired float switch."
5. City of White Salmon Public Works staff verified by reading the meter on March 4, 2025, that the meter no longer shows a leak is occurring on the property.

White Salmon Municipal Code 13.06.048 states:

In the event of a leak or failure in the service pipe, the owner may be entitled to a one-time adjustment on their bill. To be considered eligible for a one-time leak or failure adjustment the following conditions must be met:

- A. The landowner must report the leak or failure discovery to the city within seventy-two hours; and
- B. Provide photos of leak or failure, pipping or devise being repaired, and repair of leak or failure accompanied by receipt for labor and/or repair materials within five days of discovery.
- C. Maintainable fixtures such as toilets, sinks, showers, sprinkler systems, above ground plumbing and other similar plumbing as determined by the city are not eligible for the leak forgiveness program.
- D. Failure by the owner or tenant to perform general maintenance and to make reasonable efforts, as determined by the city, to prevent damage from occurring shall result in being ineligible for the leak forgiveness program.
- E. Depending on the age, condition or type of plumbing being repaired, the city reserves the right to require replacement of plumbing to be considered ineligible for the leak forgiveness program.
- F. Irrigation water meter accounts are not eligible for the leak forgiveness program.

B.

1. The property owner became aware of the leak on February 5, 2025.
2. The leak reduction request did not include an invoice from Skyline Maintenance Department.
3. The total water usage that went through the meter was 3,615,00 gallons of water.

Water Usage Billing History

Date	Water Usage Gallons	Water Base	Water usage	Water Surcharge	Sewer Basic	Sewer Overage Charges	Other Changes	Total Bill
12/28/2023	120,000	400.97	418.20	8.00	0	0	0	827.17
01/30/2024	98,000	433.05	244.38	8.00	0	0	0	685.43
02/28/2024	116,000	433.05	415.68	8.00	0	0	0	856.73
03/28/2024	127,000	433.05	515.01	8.00	0	0	0	956.06
04/29/2024	118,000	433.05	433.74	8.00	0	0	0	874.79
05/30/2024	115,000	433.05	406.65	8.00	0	0	0	847.70
06/27/2024	127,000	433.05	515.01	8.00	0	0	0	956.06
07/30/2024	130,000	433.05	542.10	8.00	0	0	0	983.15
08/29/2024	285,000	433.05	1,941.75	8.00	0	0	0	2,382.80
09/30/2024	343,000	433.05	2,465.49	8.00	0	0	0	2,906.54
10/30/2024	281,000	433.05	1,905.63	8.00	0	0	0	2,346.68
11/26/2024	333,000	433.05	2,375.19	8.00	0	0	0	2,816.24
12/30/2024	315,000	433.05	2,212.65	8.00	0	0	0	2,653.70
01/30/2025	1,453,000	467.69	12,488.79	8.00	0	0	0	12,964.48
02/27/2025	2,162,000	467.69	20,397.30	8.00	0	0	0	20,872.99

White Salmon Municipal Code 13.06.048 states that the adjusted rate for the period in which the leak was detected shall be equal to one-half of the difference between the bill to be adjusted and the metered waster (and sewer for businesses) charges for the same period from the previous year as the month the leak was detected. The amount must be greater than or equal to one hundred dollars in order to be eligible for the adjustment.

The adjustment is calculated as follows:

December 2023 billed usage calculation:

$$\$451.80 = (40 \times 1.41) + (60 \times 3.58) + (20 \times 9.03)$$

December 2024 billed usage calculation:

$$\$12,488.79 = (40 \times 1.41) + (60 \times 3.58) + (1353 \times 9.03)$$

Total:

$$\$12,488.79 - \$451.80 = \$12,036.99 / 2 = \$6,018.50$$

January 2024 billed usage calculation:

$$\$285.08 = (40 \times 1.53) + (58 \times 3.86)$$

January 2025 billed usage calculation:

$$\$20,397.30 = (40 \times 1.53) + (60 \times 3.86) + (2,062 \times 9.75)$$

Total:

$$\$20,397.30 - \$285.08 = \$20,112.22 / 2 = \$10,056.11$$

The reduction in water consumption charges would be \$16,074.61.

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Office of City Hall



Decision:

The Leak Adjustment Request submitted by Skyline Hospital is approved in the amount of \$16,074.61 towards water consumption.

Dates this 19th day of March 2025

Verified on this 19th day of March 2025

Troy Rosenburg, Deputy | Utility Clerk

Paul Koch, Interim City Administrator

If the applicant is not satisfied with the decision, the applicant may appeal the decision to the City of White Salmon Grievance Committee by requesting the form from City Hall.

File Attachments for Item:

C. Approval of Meeting Minutes - March 5, 2025, Council Meeting



City of White Salmon City Council Meeting
March 5, 2025
In Person and Via Zoom Teleconference

Attendance:

Council Members:

Ben Giant
 Jason Hartmann
 Jim Ransier
 Patty Fink

Staff Present:

Andrew Dirks, Director of Public Works
 Chris True, Ops. Manager Public Works
 Erika Castro Guzman, Community Development
 Jenne Patterson, Code Compliance Officer
 Marla Keethler, Mayor
 Mike Hepner, Police Chief
 Paul Koch, Interim City Administrator
 Shawn MacPherson, City Attorney
 Wesley Long, RFA Chief

- I. **Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement and Presentation of the Flag**
 Mayor Marla Keethler called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. There were approximately 11 members of the public in attendance in person and via teleconference.
- II. **Roll Call (6:02pm)**
Moved by Ben Giant. Seconded by Jason Hartmann. (6:02pm)
Motion to Excuse David Lindley
CARRIED 4-0.
- III. **Changes to the Agenda**
 None
- IV. **Presentations**
 A. Women's History Month Presentation **(6:04pm)**
- V. **Public Comment (6:10pm)**
 None
- VI. **Consent Agenda (6:11pm)**
 - A. Approval of Materials Purchase – Transmission Main Phase 2A
 - B. Approval of Contract – Amendment – Anderson Perry – North Main Spring St.
 - C. Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2025, Special Council Meeting & February 19, 2025, Council Meeting
 - D. Approval of Vouchers

Vouchers audited and certified as required by RCW 42.24.080 and expense reimbursement claims as required by RCW 42.24.090 as of this 5th day of March 2025.

Type	Date			
Claims	3/5/2025	42239	42267	\$52,410.14
			Claim Total	\$52,410.14
Payroll	3/5/2025	EFT	EFT	\$114,397.74
	3/5/2025	42238	42238	\$924.44
			Payroll Total	\$115,322.18
Manual Claims	2/26/2025	42231	42237	\$28,650.16
VOIDED Checks			N/A	0.00
			Manual Claim Total	\$28,650.16
			Total Vouchers	\$196,382.48

Moved by Jason Hartmann. Seconded by Jim Ransier. (6:11pm)

Motion to approve Consent Agenda and vouchers in the amount of \$196,382.48.

CARRIED 4-0.

VII. Business Items

- A.** A motion to rescind amendment to motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-01-1171 Amending WSMC 17 Parking approved February 19, 2025.

Moved by Jason Hartmann. Seconded by Ben Giant. (6:12pm)

Motion to rescind amendment to motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-01-1171 Amending WSMC 17 Parking approved February 19, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED 3-1. (6:51pm)

VII. Reports and Communications (6:51pm)

A. Mayor's Updates

1. Arbor Day Proclamation & Red Cross Month

B. Department Head Reports

C. RFA Chief Wesley Long Report

D. Interim City Administrator Paul Koch Report

E. Council Member and Committee Reports

IX. Executive Session:

None

X. Adjournment (7:32pm)

File Attachments for Item:

A. Department Head Reports

Bingen-White Salmon Police Department

142 E Jewett Blvd / PO Box 2139
White Salmon, Washington 98672

Mike Hepner, Chief of Police

Telephone (509) 493-1177 Fax (509) 493-1007



DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Department: Police

Meeting Date: March 19, 2025

Presented By: Chief Mike Hepner

Administration:

- White Salmon Council Meeting
- Bingen Council Meeting
- Klickitat County Behavior Health Meeting
- Klickitat Community Link Project (K-LINK) Meeting
A collaboration of community partners working together to better connect their services and better serve the community.
- County Probation Services meeting for all Stakeholders

Patrol Division:

The Bingen-White Salmon Police Department prides itself in reducing the incidence and fear of crime, ensuring justice, and safeguarding the rights of all, to provide for a safe and vibrant community.

The Bingen-White Salmon Police Department will accomplish this by working in partnership with the community we serve to enhance our law enforcement effectiveness.

I ask the Officers to prioritize their time by making calls for service as the top priority. Second, to be visible in the community which means driving through neighborhoods and being seen by the public. Lastly, speed enforcement, parking issues, or whatever the community deems important to them.

Statistic Update

As of February 26, 2025, the Police Department started tracking our officer traffic stops, each traffic stop will be issued a department case number. Per RCW 43.101.410, the department will be submitting demographic data from traffic stops to the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs.

February 2024 and 2025 Activity Log attached

Bingen-White Salmon Police
Monthly Activity Log
February 2024

White Salmon	Bingen	
3	1	Abandoned/Disabled Vehicle
10	4	Agency Assist
3	3	Alarm
3	2	Animal Problem/Noise/Neglect
		Arson
		Assault
		Attempt to Locate
1		Burglary
		Child Abuse/Neglect
4	2	Citizen Assist
4		Civil Matter
		Criminal Mischief
		Deceased
2	2	Disorderly
3		Domestic Violence
		Drugs
		DUI
		Fire
		Fireworks
		Forgery
3		Fraud
1		Harassment
1		Hazmat
		Homicide
		Information
		Intoxication
1		Juvenile Problem
		Kidnapping
39	14	

White Salmon	Bingen	
		Littering
1		Missing Person/Runaway
3		Medical Emergency
1	1	Mental Health
3		Motor Vehicle Accidents
1		Motor Vehicle Theft
2		Noise Complaint
1	2	Parking Problem
		Pornography
1		Property Lost/Found
		Prowler
		Recovered Stolen Property
		Resisting Arrest
		Robbery
		Search Warrant
		Sex Crimes
7	3	Suspicious
2	2	Theft
1		Threats
3	1	Traffic Complaint/Hazard
3	5	Traffic Offense
1	7	Trespass
		Unsecure Premise
		Violation Court Order
1		Wanted Person
		Weapons Offense
3	4	Welfare Check
2	1	911 Hang-up Calls
36	26	

40	Bingen
75	White Salmon
115	Total

Bingen-White Salmon Police
Monthly Activity Log
February 2025

White Salmon	Bingen	
3	4	Abandoned/Disabled Vehicle
13	2	Agency Assist
2	2	Alarm
11	1	Animal Problem/Noise/Neglect
		Arson
		Assault
		Attempt to Locate
		Burglary
		Child Abuse/Neglect
13	3	Citizen Assist
1	1	Civil Matter
1		Criminal Mischief
1		Deceased
2	6	Disorderly
3	1	Domestic Violence
		Drugs
2		DUI
		False Reporting
2		Fire
		Fireworks
		Forgery
1	1	Fraud
1		Harassment
		Hazmat
		Homicide
1		Information
		Intoxication
		Juvenile Problem
		Kidnapping
		Littering
57	21	

White Salmon	Bingen	
3		Missing Person/Runaway
3		Medical Emergency
		Mental Health
4		Motor Vehicle Accidents
		Motor Vehicle Theft
		Noise Complaint
		Paper Service
	2	Parking Problem
		Pornography
3		Property Lost/Found
1		Prowler
1		Recovered Stolen Property
		Resisting Arrest
		Robbery
1	1	Search Warrant
1		Sex Crimes
6	7	Suspicious
1		Theft
	1	Threats
8	1	Traffic Complaint/Hazard
2	3	Traffic Offense
17	9	Traffic Stop
1	3	Trespass
		Unsecure Premise
1	2	Violation Court Order
2	2	Wanted Person
		Weapons Offense
6	4	Welfare Check
1		911 Hang-up Calls
62	35	

56	Bingen
119	White Salmon
175	Total



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Meeting Date: 3/19/25

Presented By: Andrew Dirks- PWD

Daily Operations / What's Happening:

- PFAS Sample bottles arrived for Well 1, 2 and Buck Creek
- 3-meter relocations- 2 on Ivan Dr 1 on Rio Vista.
- New sweeper brooms installed.
- Tree removal in preparation for grading at Peebles Park.
- Weekly Ap meetings- SWTP Roof, N Main/Spring Street and Phase 2A are ready for bid in the next three months.
- Buck Creek watershed agreement review- DNR
- Police Fleet Maintenance
- Site cleanup and brush removal.
- Meter stop repair- Wauna.
- Parts pricing and inventory.
- Materials Purchase- Phase 2A.
- Backflow assembly testing.
- Meter reading.
- SCADA Computer relocation.
- Rock guardrail installation at Firefighters Park.
- Tree stump removal- Strawberry Mtn Reservoir.
- Hazard tree removal- Dock Grade
- Disinfection byproducts sampling.
- Snow equipment removal.
- Scrap metal hauled to Portland.
- GIS updates and Meter clearing.
- Green Street water service repair.
- Alarms tests at BC.
- Pothole and street cut repairs.
- Plan review.

Current Projects:

- 3 service relocation- Green and Estes.
- Park Bench install- Pioneer Park.
- Transmission Main Phase 2A
- N Main/Spring Street
- SWTP Roof Restoration

Upcoming Projects:

- Defensive driving courses.
- Romac Training- Chris and Andrew

Completed Projects:

- Ryan passed his CCS exam.



Upcoming Trainings:

- Sweeper maintenance and operations training- Owen Equipment- Sweeper- Jeff
- Incident Management within the National Incident Management System (NIMS) prior to the upcoming 2025 Wildland Fire Season- Chris and Andrew
- Klickitat County Evac Tabletop Exercise- Chris and Andrew

Completed Trainings

- Ryan passed his CCS exam.

Updates for the Community / Upcoming Events:

- Spring is near- Make sure vegetation is clear from intersections and Rights of Way

Collaboration Updates (other jurisdictions/entities):

- Bingen water ILA
- WKRFA Bulk Water Agreement.

File Attachments for Item:

C. Council Member Reports

Solid Waste Advisory Committee- Meeting 2/26

Meeting Agenda

Updates: Blue Bins

Republic representatives provided a brief overview of the new blue recycling bins rollout. Delivery occurred slightly ahead of communications, though Republic worked diligently to inform the public about the change.

Feedback:

- The bins were generally well-received within cities.
- Some elderly residents and others found the bins too heavy and difficult to manage
- A number of rural residents disliked the change as the large bins are more difficult to maneuver than the bags had been. This was particularly true for those residents who had long driveways.

Republic acknowledged these concerns and is working to address the issues by offering smaller sized bins. The Committee was pleased that Republic is listening to residents and asked that they continue to be flexible in offering County residents recycling options. County staff noted they would pass on this on Republic, but did not that the contract does not require multiple pickup options.

Updates: LSWFA

Thanks were extended to Mackenzie Coleman-Andress at the County and Michelle Mulroney at the State Department of Ecology for their assistance with the LSWFA application. The County submitted the application on time, including projects requested by Bingen/White Salmon:

- Spring/fall yard debris pickup.
- A feasibility study for food (organic) waste home pickup.
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Specific details for both projects will be addressed once funding is approved.

County officials were pleased with the LSWFA submission this year and the inclusion of projects that could help utilize the full allocation of County funds to address critical waste management needs within the County. They particularly appreciated the feasibility study, as it may help them prepare for a potential state-required home pickup program for food waste if the County's population increases.

New Business: Waste Management Plan Update

A substantial discussion took place regarding the Waste Management Plan Update timeline and process. There were several questions about the Commissioners' role in the update.

The County clarified that the SWAC would receive a copy of the consultant scope. The scope would include a task, early in the process, which would be designed to advise the Commissioners about the plan update, review the goals and objectives for the update, and allow them to weigh in on any areas of particular issue or concerns. They also noted that the scope would outline points within the process where the Commissioners would receive updates on the plan so they could offer input on proposed recommendations before the draft reaches them for adoption.

Questions also arose about how SWAC should provide feedback on what they would like to see updated in the plan. The County explained that in the past, the committee had worked through plan updates on a chapter-by-chapter basis. In certain chapters, updated information would guide the recommendations, while in others, the Committee's role would be to assess whether existing recommendations were still relevant.

Finally, it was noted that cities would be asked to adopt the new plan. This would require that SWAC members help to keep local officials and citizens informed about the plan and any potential updates throughout the planning process.