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**City Council**  
**Meeting of: November 15, 2023**

Agenda Item No.:  
**46**

**DEPARTMENT: City Manager**  
**DIRECTOR: Mike Janssen**

**DISCUSSION**

**SUBJECT:**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

Discussion for possible action regarding a request from Republic Silver State Disposal, Inc. ("Republic") to terminate the rate adjustment due to unforeseen economic circumstances ("Recycling Adjustment") approved by the City Council on November 20, 2019 - All Wards

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  
None

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

In 2019, Republic requested a rate adjustment pursuant to Chapter 9.08.240(B) of the Las Vegas Municipal Code and Section 16(C) of the Franchise Agreement for the Collection, Transportation and Disposal of Solid Waste as amended ("Franchise Agreement"). Republic requested the rate increase due to unforeseen economic circumstances resulting from policies implemented by China regarding recyclable materials ("National Sword Policies"). On November 20, 2019, the City Council approved a monthly Recycling Adjustment in the amount of seventy-four cents (\$0.74) per residential customer to be added to all residential billings for solid waste collection and residential recycling services rendered within the City commencing on December 1, 2019, for an initial term of five (5) years. The Recycling Adjustment was embedded into the regular residential rates and was therefore increased annually by the CPI-U. The amount of the Recycling Adjustment is currently at eighty-six cents (\$0.86) per residential customer.

On October 16, 2023 Republic submitted a request to terminate the Recycling Adjustment effective December 1, 2023. The request is contingent upon the adoption of a proposed amendment to Chapter 9.08 of the Las Vegas Municipal Code (Bill No. 2023-27) and approval of a Second Amendment to the Franchise Agreement changing the means of determining how rates are adjusted annually, from the CPI-U to the CPI for Water and Sewer and Trash Collection Services. Republic will pay all franchise fees associated with the collection of the Recycling Adjustment on any amounts that are paid to Republic after December 1, 2023.

**RECOMMENDATION:**  
Approval

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

1. Letter of Request from Republic Services Dated October 16, 2023