



To: Mayor and City Council
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Subject: May 16 Workshop Regarding Solid Waste

The City Council's Workshop scheduled for May 16 will cover a variety of issues related to municipal solid waste. Originally, it was intended that this workshop would serve solely as a follow-up to the September 27, 2022 report regarding Organized Garbage Collection. A separate Council action took place in December 2022 to direct staff to explore two additional opportunities as an outgrowth of the Waste-to-Energy Options Study. However, as City staff has worked on these tasks, two issues have become clearer:

1. **There are a variety of recent developments that each concern the subject of how municipal solid waste should be handled in Story County and in the City's waste-to-energy system.** These developments include:
 - a. 2022 Waste-to-Energy Options Study
 - b. 2022 Organized Garbage Collection Report
 - c. Climate Action Plan
 - d. Central Iowa Solid Waste Management Association (CISWMA) Comprehensive Plan (this plan, expiring in 2025, is the basis for the connection between Story County, the Resource Recovery System, and the Boone County Landfill)

2. **There does not yet exist a strategy to reconcile these varied influences and guide our future steps in response to them.**

Based on these issues, at the May 16 workshop staff intends to review not only the materials pertaining to organized garbage collection, but also some preliminary thoughts regarding the development of a Solid Waste Strategic Plan. These preliminary thoughts will include:

1. Overarching guiding principles for any initiatives the City chooses to undertake related to solid waste in the future,
2. A staff-brainstormed list of strategies that should be explored and evaluated against those guiding principles
3. Several strategies that staff believes should be considered as immediate next steps.