## Wildwood Residents Are You Upset Over Trash?

<u>Wildwood Mayor James Bowlin, Mayor ProTem Joe Garritano</u> and City Council want you to believe the Trash and Recycling contracts were the best they could do.

We think otherwise and believe you should know what occurred that we are now paying for:

January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023: Council agrees to prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Solid Waste and Recycling.

January 27<sup>th</sup>, Waste Connections (former hauler) declines 5<sup>th</sup> year of current Wildwood contract. Contract end August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, 186 days away.

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, City publishes RFP for Solid Waste and Recycling.

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Meridian Waste submits bid for all of Wildwood at \$29 a month (15% if you are a senior)

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, RFP window closes with only the Meridian Waste bid.

April 14<sup>th</sup>, City rejects Meridian Waste bid. City then enacts "Emergency Purchase" procedures suspending RFP process.

April 26<sup>th</sup> an 27<sup>th</sup>, Republic Services and Gateway Disposal provide proposals to split the city trash coverage. Prices more than double under Republic for suburban residents and nearly triple under Gateway for rural residents.

> <u>The City contacted these two service providers.</u> <u>No bids were sought.</u>

June 12<sup>th</sup>, Mayor, Mayor ProTem and City Council approve



Details from these contacts include:



A term of 5 years each with automatic renewal for additional 5 - year terms

Annual rate increases between 4 % and 15 %

For more information including copies of exhibits supporting the items outlined above email

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Call or text 636-675-2231

Want to take action?

Sign our petition! We'll share those with State Attorney General, State Auditor, State Senator and Representatives and St. Louis County Prosecutor

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