



336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263
Meeting Held In-Person and Via Zoom and Livestream on YouTube.

**AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING
SHAFTER CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021**

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) ADVISORY

To protect our constituents, City officials and City staff, the City requests all members of the public to follow the California Department of Health Services' guidance and the County of Kern Public Health Officer Order for the Control of COVID-19 restricting group events and gatherings and maintaining social distancing. Additional information regarding COVID-19 is available on the City's website at www.shafter.com.

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TELECONFERENCE NOTICE

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 Issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020 and, to the extent applicable, Government Code Section 54953(b), the December 21, 2021 City Council Meeting may include teleconference participation by the City Council Members and City staff. Consistent with Executive Order N-29-20, teleconference locations utilized by City Council Members shall not be accessible to the public and are not subject to special posting requirements.

CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Prout
Mayor Pro Tem Givens
Council Member Alvarado
Council Member Espinoza
Council Member Lopez

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wanting to address the Council only on matters listed on this agenda. Speakers are limited to five minutes unless additional time is needed for translation. Please state your name and address for the record before making your presentation.

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MANAGEMENT REPORT:

1. **SB1383 INFORMATIONAL COMMUNITY WORKSHOP RESPONSES:** Council workshop to discuss the Community comments and questions received from the SB1383 Informational Community Workshop held on November 30, 2021. No action requested. (City Manager Gonzalez)

ADJOURNMENT:

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**AGENDA SUPPLEMENT
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**THE DECEMBER 21, 2021 MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THE
PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-25-20**

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1. You are strongly encouraged to observe the City Council meetings live via YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofShafter/>
2. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item or public comment, please submit your comment via email by **12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 21, 2021** to the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com
3. If you wish to make a written comment to the City Clerk, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263.
4. If you wish to make a comment during the live meeting, callers must first register with the City Clerk at 661-746-5012 before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. Please call by 12:00pm on the day of the Council meeting to allow ample time for sign up. You will need to provide your name, phone number and the item number you wish to address.
5. All public comments are provided to the City Council and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the Board prior to taking action on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the Council meeting.

The City of Shafter thanks you in advance for taking all precautions to prevent spreading the COVID 19 virus.



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**NOTICE OF
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SHAFTER CITY COUNCIL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Shafter will be held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021. The meeting will convene at 4:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber at the Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California. Said special meeting shall be for the following purpose:

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Affidavit of Posting Special Meeting Notice

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Yazmina Pallares, S/S, City Clerk

Dated: December 16, 2021



City of Shafter COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: December 21, 2021

FROM: Gabriel A. Gonzalez, City Manager

SUBJECT: SENATE BILL 1383 INFORMATIONAL COMMUNITY WORKSHOP
RESPONSES

RECOMMENDATION

Council workshop to discuss the Community comments and questions received from the Senate Bill (SB)1383 Informational Community Workshop held on November 30, 2021. No action requested.

BACKGROUND:

City Staff conducted an informational Community Workshop regarding SB1383 and proposed changes to trash service on November 30, 2021. Staff has gathered Comments, Questions, and Concerns from the informational meeting and after the workshop. Staff and American Refuse staff are currently working on responses for the Community. Responses from City Staff and American Refuse will be provided at the special meeting.

Attached for your review are the Comments, Questions, and Concerns that were gathered from the community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. SB1383 Community Workshop Comments, Questions and Concerns

SB 1383 COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

ALLEY:

- Can I keep my containers in the alley? (16 calls)
- Try several set ups in different Allie's.
- I've heard you say...o they don't want to change. It's been alley pick up for 100 years.
- I can't pull these out into the front what are you going to do, I need my alley.
- Are you paying to put down concrete for the front, if no alley.
- I have no safe access to the street. I do to the alley.
- The goal seems to make is physically hard on the elderly.
- Alley, I can't pull those things out to the street. They're too heavy for an 80 year old. Why do we have to be ugly like Bakersfield.
- For my friends that have an alley. The city of Wasco have both curb and alley pick up. Don't know why shafter can't do the same.
- So if we don't have the space to put these out because of parking and we leave to work at 5 am and cant set them out because we obviously can't leave 3 containers on the street / sidewalk we're stuck with three containers of trash.
- Going from 2 trash pickup days to 1 doesn't seem like a fair trade. My in laws live on a street that have more apartments than homes. The apartment complexes have to already use the street to park. Where does the City think all those trash cans are going to fit on the street? I really do hope you reconsider on using the alleyways.
- I think the people with alleys should be able to have their cans picked up in their alleys as usual but need to put the cans all on the same side so the trucks won't have to double back.
- On the trash proposal, why can't the cans be put out in the alley for pick up? If all of the people put the cans on the same side the truck can pick them up without having to turn around!
- Is everything going curbside or are we still get to use alley?
- Why can't the containers be picked up from the Alley? (addressed 9 times)
- Keep alley service, why change it, the vendor needs to work with us and the residents who want this option.

SCHEDULE/PICK-UP/SPACE:

- I feel that the ones making up these laws in Sacramento come up with rules before they think. I have a hard understanding how recycling organics and green waste will help compared to burying everything at the landfill. So for example your lawn clippings and tree waste you put it in a green bin it is taken to Shafter/ Wasco landfill (recycling area) it is dumped next to the Star screen that is a material separator all the overs (left over material) are then stockpile for later disposal at the landfill side (not recycled) it is fed with a diesel

power loader and moved around by a diesel power loader and then loaded on a diesel powered truck that takes it to a different facility how is this helping save the environment compared to burying it and burning off the methane gases at the flair station. Another example all your tree branches that have been stock piling at s/w landfill (recycling area) are all brought in by fossil fueled vehicles and most are cut but gas powered equipment this stuff is fed in a diesel powered grinder by a diesel powered loader and then loaded on a diesel powered truck and shipped off to a co gen plant and burnt how is this saving the environment compared to burying it at the tipping pad at the landfill. Another example cardboard you can try to recycle it depending on the market and when there is no market you can't get rid of it gets buried cause it has been sitting too long or you show up to company to drop off the load and they close and lock the gate saying prices drop we aren't excepting it right now. And for the blue cans it makes a little money for the haulers if they have a facility to separate it but for the most part recycling doesn't work compared to burying it at the landfill. Each landfill is designed to work a certain way you need organics to break down the trash to help with air space for example Shafter/ Wasco landfill has a clay like silt soil that water doesn't penetrate easily so there is very little moisture to promote breakdown the organics that are disposed and are beneficial in the breakdown process Shafter/Wasco landfill has very little leachate so the organics are very much needed to be buried so that being said a disposal reduction threw recycling will be more harmful than beneficial to the environment and to the landfill. As for a increase in fees for less service come on the 2 current garbage truck drivers are as efficient as you get and in 2 days they take care of the entire city and in 4 days they do it twice that is smart business so why not just add a organics program to this. And what is to happen to all the old large trash cans around town you can't recycle them and you can only take them to the landfill if they are cut down in size. I believe you are going to witness a lot of illegal dumping around town and in farmer's fields as a result of going to a single pickup per week our extremely clean town will be no more. You will have lots of trouble with curbside pickup just because the fact that our town is full (meaning drive threw the subdivision neighborhoods very little parking along the streets) you are going to have overflowing trash cans left in the streets not pulled back behind back gates, as for the neighborhoods around the high school that have large yards with lots of organics waste are they going to pile up the waste only to load what they can for a week at a time only to have a large pile growing housing rats cockroaches and other animals I hope the city of Shafter really looks at keeping 2 pickups a week it is ridiculous to charge the community double for less work and expect us to sort threw our garbage.

- I live in front of a trailer park and some apartments what is a pick up day going to look like?
- I live on a corner lot, will the containers be pickup up on the front or side street?
- Is picking up all 3 cans in one day set in stone or can they be picked up on different days??
- Currently in the evenings my street is full of cars, in front of my house, that aren't mine. How will I put my containers in front for pick up?
- So trash cart is only going to be picked up once a week now?

- How often will trash be picked up? What are the sizes of the waste baskets in comparison to what we currently have?
- All 3 carts will be picked up the same day stupidest thing ever if the same truck is picking them up, it defeats the purpose of u separating items if there all going into the same truck.
- A lot of cars park on my street and I do not think that I will be able to put 3 containers in front of house, what do I do? (14 calls)
- How many times a week will the containers be picked up? (8 calls) [they are generally upset because they have their trash picked up twice a week currently]
- What happens if American Refuse misses my trash pickup? I can no longer call Public Works? (4 calls)
- How many times a week will my trash can be picked up? (addressed 3 times)
- How can I make room for all three containers in front of my residence if I have cars parked in front of my house?
- Is picking up all 3 containers on the same day set in stone?
- Can we have our containers be picked up twice a week?

RATES:

- Is 26.45 the monthly charge per container?
- Ok \$28.96 for 4K homes is \$115,840 a month almost \$1.4 million a year.
- The rate will be \$26.45 I believe. The \$28.96 is the current rate for curbside right now.
- Ok so let's say its \$26.45 at 4,000 homes is \$105,800 a month but I think it's way more but \$105,800 a month times 12 months in a year is \$1,269,600 million dollars.
- So after 5 year rate after expect to pay \$48.98.
- \$\$\$\$
- Exactly this is costing millions across the state.
- Is this rate also for the low income also do we pay for landfill use in our property taxes.
- Is 26.45 the monthly charge per container? 2 similar comments
- The rate will be \$26.45 I believe. The \$28.96 is the current rate for curbside right now.
- Please clarify the monthly charge.
- 3 cart system, \$80 per cart
- Why is my trash bill going up and I'm receiving decreased service?
- How do we keep the cost down going forward?
- Will our rates increase annually?
- A ton of concern already being pushed about front of house service. We need to really look at this, the residents are already feeling the tightening of finances and change.
- A lot of confusion on the pricing... why it went up so much vs the drop of total services weekly. Visual example would be helpful. Alley can owners own ¼ of a 300 gallon can, roughly 75 gallons. 2 pick ups weekly, which is 150 gallons. This service technically gives us 270 gallons weekly, but it's separated. What is average amount a person throws away per bin color?

NOTIFICATION/COMMUNICATION:

- Will you guys be sending a letter with all the changes regarding the new trash and recycling cans?
- Take me off the list.
- What public outreach will be done when the program rolls out?

IN AGREEMENT W/ SB 1383:

- I moved to Shafter about a year ago and one of my first thoughts was why they didn't have all three types of bins so I'll be glad if they go through with this!
- American Refuse already picks up our trash once a week. They do a great job and give back to our community. We have a lot of trash and a lot of grass. We have 2 trash cans and it's more than enough. I do agree if you have alley access it should be picked up in the alley. I don't have an alley. And it's fine. I think everything will be ok.

BINS:

- We going to have 3 cans instead of one.
- What the heck are the color of the bins for??
- My concern is some people have low IQ on these type of containers and will just think it's a trash can. Then it's really gonna be a problem.
- Going to be a trouble bring 3 cans down specially if problematic neighbours near you
- Make people put away the cans they have now or else our sidewalks are not gonna be accessible to even walk on!!! Especially from three.
- Why don't we have a green waste bin or recycle bin? I expected more out of Shafter.
- Will different size trash bins be available?
- Will the recycle bins still be available to the public off Ash?
- Do we have to have all three containers? Can we just use a trash can?
- If we must use blue to recycle things like cans/bottles, how will this affect current recycling businesses in town and those who want to recycle to make a profit?

OTHER:

- When are we going to start making jobs for Shafter and stop contracting out? Use the recycle money for benefits and insurance for those new Shafter non contracted jobs. Keep it local!!!
- Keep what we have.
- So my neighbor only wants to pay for pick up once a month. So I suffer with her smell in my front yard.
- I want to read the state written demands on trash. I question your analysis.
- I have the same problems with my trash these drivers are soooo lazy.
- Does the city work for the citizens or do we have a dictatorship?
- This is ridiculous, lord help us.

- Recycling is not just cans and plastics. It's also cardboard, newspapers, magazines, glass. FYI.
- No sir u r in the wrong with less manpower and truck use but want u want 3 different trucks coming out and collecting makes no sense 😊 (more hourly pay and more use of diesel) wow!
- We give our recycles to those in need. (4 similar comments)
- New state laws about trash.
- I have no room for 3 trash cans.
- Can and will the city cite those that leave them out all the time and never put them away so annoying blocking the sidewalk.
- I totally agree with the summer smell concern.
- What is the State Mandate that is forcing us to launch this program?
- What will the City do with the refuse equipment/employees once American Refuse takes over?
- I'm unable to move my containers out and back in, what do I do?
- Can you describe the best practices we have seen from other cities that have rolled this program out?
- Who is going to enforce this new program?
- What keeps the Franchise Hauler pricing competitive?
- What will the City do with the Refuse Equipment we have now?
- Do we have to adhere to this program?
- What will be the alternative to the Brush and Limb Program?
- Can we look at how the City of Clovis ran their Bulky Waste Program?