

ON THE AGENDA

• The Leavenworth City Commission will have a special meeting at 5 p.m. today at Leavenworth City Hall, 100 N. Fifth St.

Commissioners are scheduled to go into executive session to discuss data related to the financial affairs or trade secrets of a company.

• The Leavenworth County Commission will meet at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Leavenworth County Courthouse, 300 Walnut St.

Agenda items include a rezoning request, a special use permit request, a final plat, a process for future right-of-way vacation requests, a Title X policy, a discussion about a Reinvestment Housing Incentive District resolution and budgeted but unfilled positions.

Survey

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and provide feedback. The meeting is scheduled for 4 to 6 p.m. Aug. 6 at the Riverfront Community Center, 123 S. Esplanade St.

The survey reviews options that were presented to Leavenworth city commissioners during a June 17 meeting.

The survey lists pros and cons for the options and includes information about projected cost increases.

Currently, city crews pick up residents' trash and haul it to a landfill in Shawnee.

One of the options in the survey, referred to as option zero, is continuing the practice of hauling trash

to the landfill in Shawnee without changes.

Another option, referred to as option 1, would have city personnel continue to haul trash to the landfill in Shawnee. But this option would increase the staff and the number of city garbage trucks to "improve day-to-day operations and service reliability."

Option 2 would include building and operating a consolidation station. This station would be used to temporarily store garbage collected in the city before it is hauled to a landfill.

The consolidation station would be constructed at the site of a former landfill owned by the city of Leavenworth. The site is located off of Gilman Road.

This option would reduce the number of trips staff would have to make to the landfill.

Option 3 would include the building of a transfer station at the Gilman Road site. The transfer station would also temporarily store garbage before it is hauled away to a landfill. But while the consolidation station would only be accessible to city staff, the transfer station could be open for use by the public.

Option 4 would involve the city contracting with a private company to collect and dispose of trash.

City officials have also discussed something they have dubbed option 2.5, but this is not included in the survey.

At least some members of the City Commission have expressed support for option 2.5, which involves the opening of a consolidation station with plans to eventually transition to a transfer station.

City Manager Scott Peterson said option 2.5 was not included in the survey because city officials want feedback without appearing to try to lead members of the public in a particular direction.

Peterson said the Aug. 6 forum will be conducted in an open-house style. There will be no formal presentation, but visual aids will be created for people to review. Multiple representatives of the city will be on hand to answer questions.

Commission

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member Chase Spears, who provided commissioners with a draft.

When discussing the proclamation July 16, Smith

expressed concern that the proclamation may not seem to honor single parents, and commissioners agreed to revisit the matter again.

The matter came before commissioners again last week. Smith said last week that he believes having a

two-parent family makes a difference, but he wanted to make the proclamation seem more friendly to single parents.

"I don't want to make it look like this proclamation is saying that they can't do a good job," he said.

It was suggested that statistical information about single-parent homes be removed from the proclamation.

Commissioner Willie Dove expressed concern that the proclamation does not include language about families with adopted children.

The draft that had been provided to commissioners referenced "traditional families, consisting of a natural mother and father, children and extended family."

It was suggested that a reference to adoption could be added to the proclamation.

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A bee became laden with pollen while collecting nectar from a Rose of Sharon bush Saturday next to Haymarket Square. This bush's large, attractive flowers serve as an important food source for pollinators during its late summer and early fall blooming cycle. *Peggy Bair*