

FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING OF May 7, 2008

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 6.b.

TO: BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

THROUGH: LINDA NORRIS, CITY MANAGER PRO TEM

FROM: DEBRA NEVILLE, BUDGET OFFICER

SUBJECT: RESPONSE – RECYCLING COMPUTER MONITORS

ISSUE:

To respond to a question posed by the Budget Committee on April 9, 2008 regarding the possibility of using recycled computer monitors.

RECOMMENDATION:

Information only.

BACKGROUND:

At the Budget Committee meeting of April 9, 2008, member Tartar asked that instead of purchasing flat panel computer monitors, to consider the possibility of working with Garten Recycling Services to acquire recycled computer monitors (CRT's) for City use. Information Technology (IT) Department staff looked into the issue and learned the following in a conversation with Don Carmichael, Jr., Business Development.

Garten does not sell CRT monitors as customers have not shown an interest in obtaining this equipment. They receive very few LCD's or flat panel screens. The monitors they do receive are shipped to New Mexico for degassing and recycling.

The IT Department was sensitive to sustainability and economic issues as staff reviewed and established City standards for hardware. Criteria considered included power usage, ergonomics, system security and life-cycle cost of the assets. Economies in using standardized equipment such as monitors, drivers, graphic cards and PC's include centralized invoice generation, installation, repair of common equipment, and enhanced system security.

Salem's expired computer equipment is recycled through the Marion County Transfer Station and is generally on a five year replacement cycle.

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