Composting Begins at Landfill

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-- (Joint Session 1 :26 “The borough staff and city staff worked…Class B as directed by the landfill staff.”)

She said the plan bought the city some time in finding a permanent solution.

-- (Joint Session 2 :27 “This agreement gives us until August… to composting to Class A standards.”)

Quayanna Development Corporation of Kodiak is the company hoping to pursue the class A compost and is in charge of obtaining those permits. Peter Olsen is the president of QDC and said the company has been working with the Class B compost at the landfill as well.

-- (Joint Session 3 :34 “You are now in the composting business …match up with actual experience.”)

Olsen said it takes about a week to make a full batch of compost. He said the company is at the beginning of a steep learning curve in terms of composting, but plans to be very diligent in testing and ensuring the process and outcome are safe and rewarding.