



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting September 14, 2021

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Refuse and Recycling Carts for Solid Waste Operations

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing a one-year supply agreement with Rehrig Pacific Company, for the purchase of refuse and recycling carts for Solid Waste Operations in an amount not to exceed \$765,671.40; funding is available in the FY 2021 General Fund.

SUMMARY:

This motion authorizes a one-year supply agreement with Rehrig Pacific to purchase 12,636 95-gallon carts, consisting of 9,828 brown refuse carts and 2,808 blue recycling carts for Solid Waste Services.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Solid Waste Services provides curbside collection service to about 95,000 accounts for garbage, recycling, heavy bush, and bulky items. Residential garbage and recycling is collected from 95-gallon carts using automated collection trucks. Due to the limited cart inventory storage area, the department staggers the receipt of the carts over a 12-month period to match the demand for new and replacement carts. The carts that are damaged and deemed unserviceable are collected and recycled.

To align service with other major cities, the City now issues brown carts in place of green carts for garbage collection. By replacing green carts with brown carts, the city will be better poised to adopt an organics collection program utilizing the industry standard green carts at a future date.

Since 2002, the entire city has been on an automated collection program with one-man crews

who operate trucks with mechanical arms that pick up and dump the carts. This system provides faster, safer, and more efficient collection service.

The pricing on carts has risen 41%, from an average price per cart of \$42.89, to \$60.59, since the City's last purchase in November 2020. This increase is consistent with the escalating cost of high-density polyethylene and pricing obtained from other cart manufacturers.

PROCUREMENT DETAIL:

This procurement is through the OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchasing. Contracts awarded through OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchasing have been competitively procured, in compliance with Texas local and State procurement requirements. The Contracts and Procurement conducted a cost analysis of savings between the cooperative purchase price and the vendor's list price, which concluded with a \$146,900.52 cost savings for overall products.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative to securing a supply agreement would be to purchase refuse and recycling carts on an as needed basis, which would be less efficient, more costly, and would have the potential to adversely impact customer service.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact for Solid Waste Services in FY 2021 is \$765,671.40 for this one-year supply agreement. The remaining cost will be budgeted in future years through the annual budget process.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund: 1020 General Fund
Organization/Activity: 12510 Refuse Collection
Mission Element: 031 Waste and Brush Collection
Project # (CIP Only):
Account: 520130 Maint and Repairs

Fund: 1020 General Fund
Organization/Activity: 12512 Recycling Collection
Mission Element: 032 Recycling
Project # (CIP Only):
Account: 520130 Maint and Repairs

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend approval of this motion authorizing a one-year supply agreement with Rehrig Pacific Company as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Price Sheet
Supply Agreement