

INFORMAL STAFF REPORT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ronald L. Olson, City Manager

THRU: Oscar R. Martinez, Assistant City Manager *om*

FROM: Lawrence Mikolajczyk, Director of Solid Waste Operations *Lawrence*

SUBJECT: Authorizing Removal of Curbside Debris From Areas of the City With Excessive Volumes of Brush and Bulky Items Set Out For Collection

DATE: July 17, 2012

SUMMARY Following the May 10 windstorm that caused extensive damage to the northwest portion of the City, I authorized the Solid Waste Operations Department to expeditiously award a contract to DRC Emergency Services (DRC) to assist with clean up efforts. City Council was notified of this action in a memorandum dated May 17, 2012.

Between May 20 and June 1, 2012, for a cost of \$482,331.96, DRC collected 46,068 cubic yards of brush from the affected area. Throughout this timeframe, the City's scheduled brush and bulky items collection efforts were placed on hold to focus on clearing storm debris from the affected area. Across the City, residents continued to follow the published schedule and set out large volumes of brush and bulky items for collection.

Following the departure of DRC on June 1, the Solid Waste department retained 3 self-loading brush trucks in the northwest area to collect storm debris that continued to be set out. All other brush crews returned to the published collection schedule, which at this time was running about 2 weeks behind. The set out volumes across the City had accumulated to a level that exceeded the department's resources to collect within a reasonable period of time. Even with working overtime on Saturdays and Sundays, Solid Waste has been unable to make up any ground and continues to lag well behind the published schedule.

Now, as August nears, we're quickly approaching the historically most active time of the tropical season. For the protection of lives and property of the residents of Corpus Christi, it's in our best interest to expeditiously move forward in removing the curbside debris.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

1. All available Solid Waste Brush Division resources have worked to capacity, including weekends.
2. A quote from DRC Emergency Services, for \$10.47/c.y., was obtained.

FUTURE ACTIONS:

1. Use of an external contractor may be necessary to complete corrective actions to permanently address the situation on a time or cubic yard basis.

CONTRACT AUTHORITY:

The City Manager is authorized to approve contracts in excess of \$50,000 by Charter Art. X, Sec.2(a) in case of an emergency, but such action must be reported to the Council. Additionally, the Local Government Code §252.022(a) exempts this procurement from State competitive bid requirements because it is necessary to:

1. preserve the property of the municipality;
2. preserve or protect the public health or safety of the municipality's residents; and
3. is due to unforeseen damage to public machinery, equipment or other property.

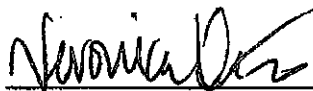
FUNDING:

The preliminary estimate is approximately \$150,000. The project is funded through funds redirected from unspent FY 2011-12 appropriations.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that:

1. staff be authorized to administratively issue a Notice to Proceed with the collection and management of excessive brush and bulky items, and remaining storm debris; and\
2. a finding be made that the instant case is an emergency that invokes the City Charter Art. X, §2(a), necessary to preserve the property of the municipality, protect the public health or safety of the municipality's resident and/or because of unforeseen damage to public machinery, equipment, or property.

CONCUR:

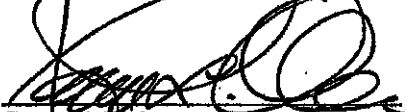


Veronica Ocanas
Assistant City Attorney

7-18-12

Date

APPROVED:



Ronald L. Olson
City Manager

18 July 2012
Date