



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting March 8, 2022

DATE: March 8, 2022

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**Purchase of an Onboard Scale System and Maintenance
at JC Elliott Transfer Station**

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing the purchase of eight truck/trailer mounted onboard scale systems and a two-year service agreement for maintenance at the JC Elliott Transfer Station for Solid Waste Services, with Iron Ram Services, LLC., of Corpus Christi, in an amount not to exceed \$129,749.34, with FY 2022 funding from the General Fund.

SUMMARY:

This motion authorizes the purchase of eight onboard truck/trailer mounted scale systems for use in the existing JC Elliott Transfer Station waste hauling fleet.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

A "Transfer Station Operations Review" conducted by Burns & McDonnell in 2020 identified significant weight variances on the trucks hauling waste to the Cefe Valenzuela Landfill. Vehicles loaded in excess of manufacturer specifications, or over Texas Department of Transportation load limits, create a liability and may experience damage and increased maintenance downtime.

Currently, the transfer station does not have the ability to weigh trucks as they are being loaded. These scales are a best management practice for loading operations that do utilize more conventional scale systems. Onboard scales will allow for maximum waste to be hauled on each trip, maximizing efficient and safe hauling operations. The scales are transferable to future units as fleet is replaced.

PROCUREMENT DETAIL:

Finance-Procurement conducted a competitive request for bid process to obtain bids for new long-term contract. Despite being open to other local vendors, the City only received one bid and is recommending the award to Iron Ram Services, LLC. This is a new onboard scale system and maintenance agreement for Solid Waste Services.

Iron Ram Services, LLC has not had any previous agreements with the City of Corpus Christi. However, the group has also been contracted out by the City of Plano, Texas who uses similar trucks to the City of Corpus Christi. Staff research has found that the scale system has had good success in the City of Plano.

ALTERNATIVES:

Install two permanent scales in place at the loading bays, the cost to retrofit is prohibitive and has a negative impact on operations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding was approved and is include in the FY 2022 annual operating budget. The onboard scale system will increase efficiency and reduce operational and maintenance costs.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund: 1020
Organization/Activity:12504
Mission Element: 033
Project # **(CIP Only): n/a**
Account": 550040:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this motion authorizing the purchase of an onboard scale system and two-year service agreement with Iron Ram Services, LLC at JC Elliot Transfer Station as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Service Agreement
Bid Tabulation