



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action item for the City Council Meeting of September 24, 2019

**DATE:** September 24, 2019

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Purchase of Two Automated Side Loading Refuse Trucks for Solid Waste Services</b></p>
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**CAPTION:**

Motion authorizing a purchase from Rush Truck Centers of Texas, L.P. of two Peterbilt 520 chassis with New Way side loading refuse trucks, for Recycling and Refuse Collection Division of Solid Waste Services for vehicle replacement in an amount not to exceed \$681,394.00, effective upon issuance of a letter of acceptance, with funding available in the General Fund FY 2019 Solid Waste Services Operating Budget.

**SUMMARY:**

This motion authorizes the purchase of two Peterbilt 520 chassis with New Way side loading refuse trucks for Solid Waste Operations, in an amount not to exceed \$681,394.00, from Rush Truck Centers of Texas, L.P. These two new trucks are replacing units that are 9 and 13 years old, with diminishing reliability and increasing maintenance costs. The trucks will replace one unit assigned to recycling collection and one unit assigned to garbage collection which may be used interchangeably to collect garbage or recycling as needed.

**BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The reliability of the Solid Waste Services collection fleet is imperative to the department's mission to effectively collect, dispose and recycle solid waste. The cyclical replacement of collection trucks helps assure that sufficient quantity of safe and operable equipment is available to meet the daily workload, provide spare units that are usable when front line units are downed for repairs and scheduled maintenance, and helps level out the annual financial impact on the General Fund. The two units being replaced are 9 and 13 years old and have experienced excessive maintenance costs of \$390,000 and \$565,000

respectively, since their purchase dates. The trucks may be used interchangeably to collect recycling or garbage as needed. Funding for the purchase of the equipment is available within the Fiscal Year 2019 Solid Waste Services budget primarily from savings associated with landfill operations and other areas.

The procurement is through the BuyBoard Cooperative. Contracts awarded through the BuyBoard Cooperative have been competitively procured in compliance with Texas Local and State procurement requirements.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The equipment can be rented as needed. The cost may not be cost effective long term, and the equipment may not be readily available when needed.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The two Peterbilt 520 chassis with New Way side loading refuse trucks will be an outright purchase in the amount of \$681,394.00 to be paid from the fiscal year 2019 Solid Waste Operations operating budget. In addition, these vehicles are a part of the FY18-19 Capital Outlay Future Replacement Budget.

**Funding Detail:**

Fund:	1020	General Fund
Organization/Activity:	12510	Refuse Collection
Mission Element:	031	Collect Brush and Bulk Waste
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	550020	Vehicles & Machinery

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this motion authorizing the purchase with Rush Truck Centers of Texas, L.P. for the purchase of two Peterbilt 520 chassis with New Way side loading refuse trucks as presented.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Price Sheet