



## **AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

Action Item for the City Council Meeting October 7, 2025

**DATE:** October 7, 2025

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### **Refuse and Recycling Carts for Solid Waste Services**

#### **CAPTION:**

Motion authorizing execution of a one-year cooperative purchase agreement with Schaefer Plastics North America, LLC, through the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative, for \$602,477.46, to purchase refuse and recycling carts for the City's Residential Curbside Collection by the Solid Waste Services Department, with FY 2026 funding from the General Fund.

#### **SUMMARY:**

This motion authorizes a one-year supply agreement with Schaefer Plastics North America, LLC, to purchase 13,338 95-gallon carts, consisting of 9,126 brown refuse carts and 4,212 blue recycling carts for Solid Waste Services.

#### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

Solid Waste Services provides curbside collection service to about 99,000 customers for garbage, recycling, heavy bush, and bulky items. Residential garbage and recycling are collected from 95-gallon carts using automated collection trucks. Due to limited inventory storage capacity, the department orders cart shipments as needed over a 12-month period to meet the demand for new and replacement carts. Carts that become damaged beyond repair are collected and recycled.

To be consistent with other major cities, Solid Waste Services issues brown carts instead 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.

The blue recycle carts will have a detailed educational imprint on the lid informing residents what can be recycled in the Recycle Right Program.

Due to fluctuation in the cost of plastic resin, the purchase price for the carts decreased from \$50.00 per cart in 2024 to \$45.00 since the City’s previous purchase in September 2024.

**PROCUREMENT DETAIL:**

This procurement is through the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative. Contracts awarded through the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative have been vetted and comply with the competitive Texas procurement regulations. This is possible because Texas Local and State law allows government entities to use cooperative purchasing programs that have already completed the required competitive bidding process.

The current agreement is for one year and totals \$675,324.00. The new contract price would be 10.79% less, totaling a decrease of \$72,846.54. The cooperative price comparison for like refuse and recycling carts and options through OMNIA Purchasing Cooperative is approximately 5.45% higher.

Cooperative Price Comparison Refuse and Recycling Carts for Solid Waste				SCHAEFER PLASTICS NORTH AMERICA, LLC		REHRIG PACIFIC COMPANY	
				SOURCEWELL #120324-SFR		OMNIA #00254	
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	PRICE TOTAL	UNIT PRICE	PRICE TOTAL
1	95 Gallon Trash Cart - Lt Brown	9,126	EA	\$44.57	\$406,745.82	\$47.00	\$428,922.00
2	95 Gallon Recycle Cart - Blue	4,212	EA	\$44.57	\$187,728.84	\$47.00	\$197,964.00
3	In- Mold Label for Recycling Lids	4,212	EA	\$1.90	\$8,002.80	\$2.00	\$8,424.00
TOTALS					\$602,477.46		\$635,310.00

**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 potentially adversely impact customer service.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The fiscal impact for Solid Waste Services in FY 2026 is \$602,477.46 for this one-year supply agreement.

**FUNDING DETAIL:**

Fund:	1020 General Fund
Organization/Activity:	12510 Refuse Collection
Mission Element:	31
Department:	Solid Waste Services
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A
Account:	520130 Maintenance and Repairs
Amount:	\$406,745.82
Fund:	1020 General Fund

Organization/Activity:	12512 Recycling Collection
Mission Element:	31
Department:	Solid Waste Services
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A
Account:	520130 Maintenance and Repairs
Amount:	\$195,731.64

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this motion as presented.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Price Sheet  
Supply Agreement