



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of July 31, 2012

DATE: July 18, 2012

TO: Ronald L. Olson, City Manager

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Ratification of City Manager's action to proceed in contracting with DRC Emergency Services to clear brush and bulky items from the City right-of-way, for an estimated cost of \$150,000.

CAPTION:

Motion to ratify action to procure services from DRC Emergency Services for the removal of curbside debris on a cubic yard basis for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

PURPOSE:

The Solid Waste Operations Department requires the assistance of an outside contractor to expeditiously remove the large volume of brush and bulky items set out for collection. With an increasing probability of tropical weather events in August, City Staff is acting to help assure the health and safety of the residents

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Following the May 10 windstorm that caused extensive damage to the northwest portion of the City, the City Manager 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. In the event of a hurricane, it is critical to the emergency operations that all city streets,

rights-of-way, curbs and gutters be as free as possible of any debris. Therefore, for the health and safety purposes stated, to preserve and protect the public safety of the residents of the City of Corpus Christi, it was necessary to move forward in removing curbside debris as expeditiously as possible.

As all available Solid Waste Brush Division resources had been worked to capacity, including weekends, the use of an external contractor was necessary to complete the corrective actions as quickly as possible. The City requested and received a quote from DRC Emergency Services for \$10.47/c.y.

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.

ALTERNATIVES:

Delay in the collection the roadside debris was not acceptable, given health, safety and aesthetic considerations.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Not applicable.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

The Local Government Code §252.022(a) exempts this procurement from State competitive bidding 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.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Staff is requesting an emergency reading. According to Article II, Section 14 of the City Charter, an item can be classified as an emergency because it calls for "immediate action necessary for the efficient and effective administration of the city's affairs".

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Management and Budget
City Attorney

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

X Operating

Revenue

Capital

Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2011-2012	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget		\$150,000.00		\$150,000.00
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item		\$150,000.00		\$150,000.00
BALANCE		\$0		\$0

Fund(s): General Fund #1020

Comments:

This expenditure is projected to bring the collections of brush and bulky items back on schedule. Future expenditures regarding the current backlog are not anticipated.

RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify this item as requested.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- 1) Solid Waste memorandum dated July 17, 2012, requesting City Manager authorization to obtain contractor assistance for the collection of brush and bulky items