



COUNCIL WORKSHOP
AGENDA BILL # AB24-0019

City of Algona
 200 Washington Blvd.
 Algona, WA 98001

ITEM INFORMATION

SUBJECT: Solid Waste Contract - Technical Assistance with Jeanette Jurgensen	Agenda Date: March 11th, 2024		
	Department/Committee/Individual	Created	Reviewed
	Mayor		
	City Administrator		X
	City Attorney		
	City Clerk		X
	Finance Dept		
	PW/Utilities		
	Planning Dept		
	Community Services		
Cost Impact:	Police Dept		
Fund Source:	Finance Committee		
Timeline:	Planning Commission		
	Civil Service Committee		

Staff Contact: Jessica Griess, City Administrator

Attachments:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:
 The purpose of this presentation is to provide Council with an update on the solid waste collection contract and to receive feedback on the options presented.

The City currently contracts with WM to provide garbage, recyclables and compostables (“solid waste”) collection to the residents and businesses of Algona. The City’s 10-year solid waste collection contract with WM expires October 31, 2026. The contract allows two extensions of two years each by mutual agreement. If the City chooses not to extend the current solid waste contract, then it will need to procure a new contract which would start on November 1, 2026.

New solid waste collection contract procurements generally start approximately two and a half years prior to the expiration of the current contract. This provides a year for the City complete the procurement process and a year and a half for the hauler to acquire trucks and equipment to service the community under the new contract.

Most King County cities utilize a competitive request-for-proposal (RFP) process for their new solid waste collection contract. The City drafts a contract with the specific elements of interest, then evaluates proposals based upon a mix of proposed rates and qualitative elements such as customer service and contract compliance. The process provides the most competitive, fair, and equitable process to find a hauler with the best package of rates and services for the community. (Continued on next page)

COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RECORD OF COUNCIL ACTION

Meeting Date: *Action:* *Vote:*

Current solid waste collection contract procurement processes have results in rate increases of 25% - 40% due to an unusually competitive environment 10 years ago, inflation not keeping up with costs over the contract, instability in recycling markets, decrease in value of recyclable materials, inflation uncertainty, and supply chain issues. Each solid waste contract differs, so it would be difficult to predict rate changes for specific contracts.

The community has expressed dissatisfaction with some of the services under the current solid waste contract, some of which may be resolved through an elevated level of contract management and others which would require new contract language. A consulting firm specializing in solid waste collection contracts can be hired to assist staff in managing the current solid waste collection contract.

City Administration is looking to hear Council's feedback on whether to start discussing a contract extension with WM or to further explore a competitive procurement process. Additionally, the City is interested in hearing Council's feedback on contracting for solid waste collection contract management.