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DEPARTMENT: Administrative Services

FROM: Richard Abernethy, Administrative Services Director

MEETING: January 6, 2025

SUBJECT:

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction regarding proposed fees and service changes associated with the solid waste program. (*Staff Contact: Richard Abernethy, Administrative Services Director*)

SUMMARY:

In May 2024, staff presented options to City Council for implementing street maintenance and stormwater utility fees. As part of these discussions, staff recommended budgeting for a consultant to evaluate the City's trash and recycling collection program and explore a Request for Proposals (RFP). The goal of this evaluation was to identify cost-saving alternatives within the trash and recycling program that could help offset the proposed increases in street maintenance and stormwater fees while maintaining current service levels. Options to be considered included once-a-week trash collection using poly carts.

In July 2024, the City engaged Solid Waste Specialists, LLC, to assist in negotiating price and contract amendments with Waste Connections, the city's current provider. In collaboration with Solid Waste Specialists, the City treated the negotiation process with Waste Connections in a Request for Proposal (RFP) format to examine all service level options.

Waste Connections presented several proposals, including:

- Maintaining the current service structure.
- Transitioning to once-a-week polycart trash and recycling collection.
- Adding an option for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) curbside pickup.
- Modifying the commercial franchise, either retaining the existing structure or awarding the entire franchise to Waste Connections.

A detailed presentation of these proposals is included in your packet. Representatives from Solid Waste Specialists and Waste Connections will be present to address any questions.

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider proposal from Waste Connections to amend our solid waste program to once a week collection in a 95-gallon poly cart for trash and recycling, with HHW curbside pick up and enter into a closed market with Waste Connections.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

May 1, 2023 – The City Council approved renewing the contract with Waste Connections and extending the agreement five years, with a new expiration date of September 30, 2029.

May 8, 2024 – The City Council Finance Committee received a report, held a discussion and provided staff feedback regarding fees associated with the solid waste program, street maintenance and storm water utility operations.

May 20, 2024 – The City Council received a report, held a discussion, and provided staff direction regarding fees associated with the solid waste program, street maintenance and stormwater utility operations.

REFERENCE:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

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