



115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440

Agenda Item # 5

TO: City Commission of the City of Clewiston
FROM: Randy Maxson, Finance Director
VIA: Danny Williams, City Manager
DATE: May 19, 2025
SUBJECT: Consideration of *Resolution 2025-24* approving Solid Waste Rate Increase.

Background:

The Finance Department recently conducted a comprehensive cash flow analysis for the Solid Waste Fund and determined that a rate increase is essential to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the solid waste system. This fund is responsible for supporting a wide range of essential services. Without a consistent and incremental adjustment to revenue through solid waste rates, the fund risks operating deficits that could compromise service quality and system reliability.

Operating a solid waste utility involves significant ongoing expenses, many of which have steadily increased due to inflation and market pressures. Costs related to energy, chemicals, labor, equipment, and materials have all risen, directly impacting on the financial demands of maintaining safe and effective utility services. The proposed 12.6 % annual increase over the next five years allows the department to responsibly address these growing expenses without imposing abrupt, burdensome rate hikes on residents and businesses.

Notices were sent out to all residents during the month of April's billing cycle.

Recommendation:

Motion to approve *Resolution 2025-23* approving Solid Waste Rate.