

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Recycling Services for Public Works
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

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It is requested that Council approve an agreement with AmWaste of Georgia, LLC (West Point, GA) to provide Recycling Services for the Public Works Department for a one-year period. AmWaste will occupy the City's recycling center and operate the facility as a transfer point with minimal processing. Once material is received at the recycling facility, recyclables will be immediately loaded and transported to a processing facility. The major terms of the agreement will include, but not limited to, the following:

- The agreement is a 12-month commitment as an emergency purchase. As soon as practicable, an RFP will be issued for a longer term agreement. AmWaste will have the opportunity to participate in that process.
- AmWaste will be responsible for labor costs
- AmWaste will be responsible for all utility costs
- AmWaste will bear the operational cost at the facility
- The City will receive a host fee of \$2.00 per ton for all non-City volumes or 3<sup>rd</sup> party haulers
- The City will pay AmWaste a flat fee of \$245.74 per ton for collected recycling material
- The City will divert all C & D from the MSW Landfill to the Recycling Center and will receive a host fee of \$2.00 per ton. AmWaste will require additional time to prepare to receive C&D. The priority is to ensure the recycling operations are fully operational. AmWaste will inform the CCG of a date when C & D will be accepted.

Request for Proposals No. 23-0021, Recycling Facility Operations and Management Services (Annual Contract) was advertised, and proposals received. Per the Evaluation Committee, the one viable proposal received was from Pratt Recycling. During a very lengthy evaluation process followed by a lengthy negotiation process, Pratt Recycling and the City were unable to agree on a contract that was satisfactory to both parties. Pratt Industries submitted terms that were not acceptable nor in the best interest of the City. Consequently, the RFP was closed.

As of November 1, 2023, Pratt Recycling, who was the City's current contractor, began vacating the Recycling Center by removing all baled material, bailing material remaining on the floor, clearing the floor, taking down equipment. Currently, all recycling is going into the landfill until a vendor can be put in place. Therefore, the decision was made to review an alternate proposal provided by AmWaste and open discussion working toward an emergency one-year service agreement.

Funding is available as follows: Integrated Waste Fund – Public Works – Recycling Center – Contractual Services; 0207 – 260 – 3570 – RCYL - 6319.

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH AMWASTE OF GEORGIA, LLC (WEST POINT, GA) TO PROVIDE RECYCLING SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD. AMWASTE WILL OCCUPY THE CITY'S RECYCLING CENTER AND OPERATE THE FACILITY AS A TRANSFER POINT WITH MINIMAL PROCESSING. ONCE MATERIAL IS RECEIVED AT THE RECYCLING FACILITY, RECYCLABLES WILL BE IMMEDIATELY LOADED AND TRANSPORTED TO A PROCESSING FACILITY. THE MAJOR TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT WILL INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:**

- **THE AGREEMENT IS A 12-MONTH COMMITMENT AS AN EMERGENCY PURCHASE. AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE, AN RFP WILL BE ISSUED FOR A LONGER TERM AGREEMENT. AMWASTE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT PROCESS.**
- **AMWASTE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LABOR COSTS**
- **AMWASTE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL UTILITY COSTS**
- **AMWASTE WILL BEAR THE OPERATIONAL COST AT THE FACILITY**
- **THE CITY WILL RECEIVE A HOST FEE OF \$2.00 PER TON FOR ALL NON-CITY VOLUMES OR 3<sup>RD</sup> PARTY HAULERS**
- **THE CITY WILL PAY AMWASTE A FLAT FEE OF \$245.74 PER TON FOR COLLECTED RECYCLING MATERIAL**
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**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with AmWaste of Georgia, LLC (West Point, GA) to provide Recycling Services for the Public Works Department for a one-year period. AmWaste will occupy the City’s recycling center and operate the facility as a transfer point with minimal processing. Once material is received at the recycling facility, recyclables will be immediately loaded and transported to a processing facility. The major terms of the agreement will include, but not limited to, the following:

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Barnes voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Begly voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Cogle voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor