



CITY COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Utilities

DATE: May 13, 2025

SUBJECT: Motion to Approve a Budget Transfer for Contract No. ITB-2004-1-UTL for Sludge Disposal Services in the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget to allocate additional funding in the amount of \$125,000 for Synagro South, LLC. - **Utilities**

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends an Interdepartmental Budget Transfer to allocate an additional \$125,000 for the hauling and disposal of wastewater biosolids. Due to increased hauling service costs, the Utilities Department is requesting a budget transfer of \$125,000 from GL# 450-950-599000-536 – Contingency, Water & Wastewater Administration. This transfer will provide the necessary funding to cover the additional expenses related to biosolids hauling and disposal.

BACKGROUND OF ITEM:

The City's George A. Haughney Wastewater Treatment Plant produces a variable amount of Class "B" biosolids (partially digested wastewater solids), depending on operational constraints. On average, the facility generates approximately 400 cubic yards of biosolids per month. Since 2013, regulatory changes in the Florida Administrative Code, along with shifts in the biosolids management industry, have significantly tightened requirements for both landfill disposal and land application sites. Additionally, increased rainfall and more intense storms in recent years have resulted in saturated land application sites, particularly in south-central Florida areas such as St. Cloud, where many haulers have historically transported biosolids for final placement.

As a result, in January 2025, the City amended its contract with Synagro South, LLC to continue managing the hauling and disposal of biosolids at a new rate of \$69.26 per cubic yard. These factors have significantly affected both the availability and cost of biosolids disposal options, requiring adjustments to the City's budget for continued compliance and effective wastewater management.

PROCUREMENT:

On February 2, 2024, the City advertised an invitation to bid (ITB) No. ITB-2024-1-UTL under full and open competition. The three bids received on March 5, 2024, were subsequently evaluated, resulting in the City entering into a three (3) year contract with Synagro South, LLC on April 10, 2024, expiring on April 10, 2027. The agreement can be renewed for (1) additional, two (2) year term, subject to the written consent and agreement of both parties.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Utilities Department has a FY25 budget of \$225,000 for this expense. The costs incurred for sludge disposal in 2024 were approximately \$144,000. Due to the increased costs and assuming sludge production remains the same as for Fiscal Year 2025 would be approximately \$350,000.

	Invoiced	Cubic Yards	Rate	Amount
1.	October 2024	80	37.5	\$3,000
2.	November 2024	560	69.29	\$38,802
3.	December 2024	400	69.29	\$27,716
4	January 2025	360	69.29	\$24,944
5.	February 2025	360	69.29	\$24,944
6.	March 2025	560	69.29	\$38,802
	Total Actuals			\$158,210
	Projected	Cubic Yards	Rate	Amount
7.	April 2025	400	69.29	\$27,716
8.	May 2025	400	69.29	\$27,716
9.	June 2025	400	69.29	\$27,716
10.	July 2025	400	69.29	\$27,716
11.	August 2025	400	69.29	\$27,716
12.	September	400	69.29	\$27,716
	Project Total			\$324,506

We are funding this via an Interdepartmental Budget Transfer from 450 Utilities Contingency. The remaining amount for this time reflects encumbrances, Y-T-D amendments, and this transfer.

<u>General Ledger Acct. Number</u>	<u>Budgeted Amount</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>	<u>Remaining Amount</u>
450-931-531240-535 Removal, Wastewater Plant	\$225,000	\$125,000	\$350,000
450-950-599000-536 Contingency, Water & Wastewater Administration	\$529,376	-\$125,000	\$96,486

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Budget Transfer Notification - \$125,000
2. P.O. Change Order