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To: The Honorable Wendell Lynch Mayor City of Hopkinsville KY And Distinguished Members of the City Council

From: Tony Sicari General Manager HSWE

Re: Increase of Landfill Bond Money

Ladies and Gentleman;

Thank you for the opportunity to come before you and make this request, as you know HSWE had no other option but to construct a new cell for CD&D waste landfill had become full. This cell was constructed eleven (11) years ago on a ten (10) acre foot print and was intended to last for fifteen (15) years.

This was based on the tonnage that was coming in at that time, over the past ten (10) years we have managed to bring in double the waste, due to bringing in new and more accounts, therefore the cell reached its capacity.

We then reached out to the Division of Waste Management and requested permission to construct a new cell which was granted. With the help of Mr. Casey we went thru the bidding process and Hinkle Construction was awarded the job. The estimate for the cell between Hinkle and our engineers Kenvirons came to three point four million dollars (3.4 million).

HSWE secured a Bond thru the City for the amount, during the construction phase Hinkle ran into some difficult problems. The new cell was being constructed on top of an existing cell which is known as a "vertical expansion", since the State does not allow new cells to be dug in the ground but you can build on top of an old cell. The old cell had no liner, excessive leachate drainage, and massive amounts of MSW from over twenty (20) years ago. A second liner had to be installed and be tied in to the old liner not only did this cause a delay in the project but ran up the costs.

At this time HSWE had to add three hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$325,000.00) to complete the project. Since we were $\frac{3}{4}$ thru the project we had no other option but to pay. We were forced to take the money from our "Capitol Expense" fund and add it to the payment. Since the City is the legal owner and the permittee of the Landfill we humbly asking for Council to approve the \$325,000.00 dollars to be add to the original bond to make up the difference for the costs we endured.

Since HSWE pays all the costs to operate the Landfill, which is approximately one point five million (1.5 million) per year, it has caused some issues.

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This increase for the project, along with the lost revenue from the Recycling issues, are the reason I come before you and ask for the Bond extension. Once we are able to replace the monies back into our "Capitol Expense" account we will be able to run business as normal.

All our revenues also reflect back on our "Pilot Program". Which is 5% of our monthly revenue, in turn gives the City approximately \$350,000.00 to \$400,000.00 per year. Also dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic has not helped either, with excessive Residential disposal costs. In closing I would like to thank you in advance for your time and consideration in this matter as we at HSWE strive every day to give 110% while representing the City in a positive way.

Respectfully, 
Tony Sicari
General Manager
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