

Council Meeting Agenda July 21, 2022

Resolution Action Item

#### **Agenda Description:**

Discuss, consider, and direction on modifying and extending the current service contract with Waste Connections.

## **Background Information:**

Interest has been expressed regarding moving to automated trash and recycling service. Waste Connections has offered the following options:

- Automated trash and recycling pick up one time per week, changing pick up service to Wednesdays
- Keep trash service pick up at two times per week, but change to automated trash and recycling service

According to the survey results, citizens are interested in changing to automated trash service, but they are not interested in reducing the pick-up days at this time. The amount of heavy traffic from the trash trucks is of some concern. Over time, reducing the number of pick-up days could increase the longevity of the streets that the city maintains.

#### **Financial Information:**

Either option will require the use of specific trash/recycling bins that will be provided by Waste Connections at no additional cost. Waste Connections has agreed to not only provide the receptacles but also provide the additional automated trucks needed to convert to automated service. In return, they are asking to extend the current contract for an additional three or five years.

If the City chooses to move to automated service, and retain twice-a-week service, Waste Connections will need some time to acquire the necessary trucks. With current delivery delays, this could take up to six months.

### **City Contact and Recommendations:**

Amber Bransom, Asst. City Manager

Staff recommends moving to automated trash service, and considering moving to once a week pick up if not now, but possibly in the future once the citizens are accustomed to the volume of trash that will fit in the larger trash bins.

# **Attachments:**

- Waste Connection Contract
- Survey