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TO: Mayor & City Council
FROM: Mike Greene – City Administrator
DATE: February 23, 2026
RE: Cancellation of Chipping Services

Background Brief: As the Council is aware, the City is under drastic budget constraints in the upcoming fiscal years. Due to these constraints and the need to prioritize core municipal services, the Administration recommends that the City cancel its chipping services contract with Fontenot (via SOCRRA).

Eliminating this contract would result in an estimated annual savings of approximately \$70,000. These savings would help offset rising operational costs and reduce pressure on the General Fund without impacting essential public safety or mandated services.

While chipping services have provided convenience to residents, they are not considered a core service and may be revisited in future budget cycles should revenues improve. In the interim, residents can be directed to alternative disposal options and private providers.

With outsourcing LVPD off the table, and library services being put to the ballot, this is the next largest service that could be removed before the City considers eliminating additional staffing.

As SOCRRA is also in the midst of budgeting season, they need to know sooner rather than later the City's intention with this service.

Previous Action: Finance Review Committee Town Halls; Study Session Discussion

Economic Impact: ~\$70,000 yearly savings in the General Fund.

Recommendation: It is my recommendation to approve the cancellation of the chipping contract.

Recommended Motion:

Moved by Council Member, _____ seconded by Council Member, _____ to approve the cancellation of curbside chipping services from Fontenot Landscape Services LLC via the SOCRRA Agreement; effective June 30, 2026.

Bruce Kantor
Mayor

Kelly Garrett
Mayor Pro-Tem

Jalen Jennings
Council Member

Jason Hammond
Council Member

John Sousanis
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