

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: December 3, 2024
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Melinda Moritz, Public Works Director
THROUGH: Crystal Caldera, Ph.D., City Manager

SUBJECT: Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action to Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) for Wholesale Sewer Service

SPONSOR(S): N/A

PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is to consider approval of a Resolution that would allow the City Manager to enter into a ten (10) year contract with SAWS for the transportation, processing, and treatment of the city's wastewater.

While the city owns all sewer mains within the city limits, the wastewater effluent travels through those mains to the city limit, where it is then transported through SAWS sewer mains and finally processed and treated in a SAWS-owned wastewater treatment facility.

Contract highlights include:

- Terms of the contract are for a period of ten (10) years, with three (3) mutually agreed upon five-year (5) options.
- It requires the city to inspect and clean the mains every five (5) years and to smoke test every two (2) years.
- It requires that the city report any failures in the collection system within 24 hours of discovery of such failures.
- It requires the city to mandate that all Dental Dischargers, as defined by 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 441, submit a Dental Amalgam One-Time Compliance Report to the Board prior to connecting or transferring service to a customer.
- It gives SAWS the right to inspect our sewer mains and flows and to test the effluent, collect data, and make compliance determinations.
- Rates would be the same as we have been paying, but it does allow SAWS to raise the rates as authorized by the San Antonio City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no changes to the current rate structure; however, SAWS reserves the right to increase the rates as approved by the San Antonio City Council. The current rate sheet

is attached. SAWS representatives have stated that they did take into account the fact that the city owns and maintains all sewer mains within our city limits in determining the rates.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with SAWS for wholesale sewer service.

APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____

APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

ATTEST:

SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC
City Secretary