

# Memorandum

Meeting Details: February 8, 2023

**Prepared For:** Mayor & Board of Commissioners

From: Megan Wepfer, Public Works Director

**Subject:** Refuse Truck Modifications and Container Purchase

#### **Background**

The Public Works Department has seen an increase in the need to purchase cart tippers for 3 Garbage trucks which would allow the trash can size to increase. Our current ordinance allows residents to have two (2) 32- gallon cans or smaller per household and over half of the residents have trash cans 64 gallons or larger and more than 1 at each household. Having the cart tippers installed on the trucks limits the liability of an injury caused by lifting oversize cans. Staff would also like to purchase 2,000 96-gallon carts to provide uniform residential curbside pickup. Providing the carts would eliminate the number of oversized cans/carts at the curb. These changes have been brought up with the struggle over the past year to fully staff the sanitation department. By installing tippers and providing toters we are preparing for the future of residential garbage pickup. The residential sanitation route has had a full-time temporary worker on the truck for over a year due to the lack of applicants. With these changes and implementations, the hope is to be able to run the residential route with a 2-person crew in the future. Staff would ask all residents to have their cans at the curb no later than 8 AM on trash pickup day, those with disabilities would need to coordinate with staff prior to the pickup day

The installation of dual cart tippers on 3 Garbage trucks would limit the risk of injury to staff and Tampa Crane is an authorized dealer for Heil Environmental. Also providing the cart would eliminate the oversized and multiple cans at the curb for pickup. I would like to keep the same 96-gallon carts citywide to ensure the parts are uniform for repairs. We currently have these carts on the beach, Archibald Park, Johns Pass Park, Patriot Park, Bicentennial Park, and busy beach access parking lots with minimal

repairs. With the recommendation from the commission, staff has provided the quote for 64 Gallon Containers. With the 64-gallon container please note that most of the residents have over 64 gallons at the curb currently and will need an additional bin causing the cost to increase for the containers.

## **Fiscal Impact**

**64-gallon Container** • \$35,330 for 3 sets (total of 6) cart tippers (Parts & Labor) and \$115,871.86.00 for 2,000 64-Gallon Containers for a total cost of \$151,201.86

**96-gallon Containers** • \$35,330 for 3 sets (total of 6) cart tippers (Parts & Labor) and \$124,364.00 for 2,000 96-Gallon carts for a total cost of \$159,694.00

The fiscal Year 2023 has \$45,000 budgeted in Sanitation for Capital Equipment and 135,000 for 96-gallon cart purchases.

## **Recommendation(s)**

Staff recommends the approval of the purchase of 3 sets of Cart Tippers from Tampa Crane to be installed on the Kenworth T880 Garbage trucks and the purchase of 2,000 96-gallon or 64-gallon carts from Toter for a total cost of \$159,694.000 (96-gallon) or \$151,201.86 (64-gallon)

### **Attachments**

- Dimensions and weight
- <u>•</u> 64-gallon quote
- 96-gallon quote
- Tampa Crane quote