



TO: Members of Council
Thomas R Kneeland, Mayor
Shane Ewald, City Attorney

FROM: Robert Priestas, Director of Public Service and Engineering

DATE: January 04, 2019

RE: Report to Council, January 14, 2019

ACTION ITEM #1: Solid Waste Authority of Ohio Community Recycling Grant Agreement
As a reminder, Gahanna is a part of a refuse consortium that is facilitated by the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) with ten communities as members. The goal of the consortium is to be a resource conscience steward of the public's money and assets. The best way for the consortium to be successful is to strive toward increased competition in the refuse industry and extend the life of the Franklin County landfill.

The solid waste collection and disposal process is made up of four components. One of the four major components of this process is Household Collection Containers/Carts.

Household containers play a major role in determining the methods in how our residents are serviced, collection costs, the aesthetics of our community, and landfill capacity. Two major goals of the consortium is to prolong the life of the landfill and reduce collection costs. These goals also align with the City of Gahanna Sustainable 2050 goal to reduce the amount of municipal solid waste per capita disposed in the landfill. One of the ways that SWACO has identified as being effective in achieving these goals is to have larger standardized collection containers for recycling. By increasing the size of the containers, it increases recycling thus reducing solid waste being transported to the landfill which in turn extends the life of the landfill. Standardizing the cart creates an even playing field among communities so that collection contractors can standardize their bids and realize efficiencies from using the more modern and standardized collection processes to take advantage of reduced collection costs.

In an effort to increase recycling, SWACO has partnered with the Recycling Partnership to offer its consortium members a onetime grant opportunity to purchase standardized 64 gallon Toter recycling carts at a greatly reduced cost and transition away from our bin based collection practices and implement cart based recycling. Carts usually cost approximately \$45.00 each, however, with this grant opportunity being presented by SWACO and the Recycling Partnership, the City will be able to purchase carts for approximately \$15.52 each. Below is a cost breakdown showing the cart cost and the grants being offered by SWACO and the Recycling partnership.

\$45.02 - Cost of each cart
- \$22.50 – SWACO Grant per cart
- \$7.00 – Recycling Partnership Grant
\$ 15.52 – Net cost to the City of Gahanna per cart



In addition to offering the grant opportunity to allow the City to purchase the 64 gallon recycling carts at a reduced rate, SWACO is willing to finance the entire purchase up front and allow the City to reimburse SWACO over a three year period.

We are respectfully requesting authorization for the Mayor to execute the Recycling Cart Grant Agreement with SWACO.

Requested Legislation and Funding

- Legislation Needed: Ordinance
- Emergency/Waiver: Waiver and Emergency
- Name & Address: SWACO, 4239 London Groveport Road, Grove City, OH 43123
- Already Appropriated (Amounts & Accounts): 8501.1000.5205
- Supplemental/Transfer (Amounts & Accounts): N/A
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ACTION ITEM #2: ALLEY ROW VACATION

Mifflin Presbyterian Church is requesting vacation of approximately 0.040 acres of alley right-of-way located at 123 Granville Street. At some point in time the alley was removed, however, it was never officially vacated. The alley separates two parcels owned by the church by a 10 foot section of alley right-of-way, so they are requesting vacation to be able to create one cohesive parcel. The alley right-of-way serves no benefit to the City and is no longer in use. We are requesting an ordinance to vacate the alley right-of-way and to allow the Mayor to execute any documents necessary to transfer the right-of-way to the Church provided that any existing utilities in the right-of-way maintain easement after vacation.

Legislation Needed: Ordinance

Emergency/Waiver: None

Vendor Name: n/a

Vendor Address: n/a

Already Appropriated (Amounts & Accounts): n/a

Supplemental/Transfer (Amounts & Accounts): n/a

ACTION ITEM #3: GRANTING OF A STORM DRAINAGE EASEMENT

The Franklin County Engineer recently performed maintenance on storm sewer that provides drainage for Taylor Station Road that outlets on City Property. The County owns and maintains the lines, however, no formal easement was ever acquired, so they are requesting a 0.138 acre drainage easement from the City of Gahanna so that they have access to perform future maintenance on the utility.

Legislation Needed: Ordinance

Emergency/Waiver: None

Vendor Name: n/a

Vendor Address: n/a

Already Appropriated (Amounts & Accounts): n/a

Supplemental/Transfer (Amounts & Accounts): n/a



ACTION ITEM #4: AEP ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION GRANT APPLICATION

Request for Permission to Apply to AEP for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations: In an effort to secure funding for expanding electric vehicle charging station opportunities, and to support sustainable practices, we are requesting permission to apply to AEP for their electric vehicle charging station incentive program. The program could provide up to 100% of project cost to a maximum of \$100,000 per fast charging station, or 100% of project cost to a maximum of \$50,000 for level 2 charging stations. It is anticipated that this incentive, if awarded, would allow the City to install up to 5 charging stations throughout the City, at no out of pocket expense.

Therefore, we are respectfully requesting a resolution authorizing Gahanna to formally submit a grant application to AEP for this program and incentive and authorize the Finance Director to be able to establish a special fund and allow administration to execute any necessary agreements for the program.

Legislation Needed: Ordinance

Emergency/Waiver: None

Vendor Name: n/a

Vendor Address: n/a

Already Appropriated (Amounts & Accounts): n/a

Supplemental/Transfer (Amounts & Accounts): n/a