



To: Gahanna City Council
Raymond Mularski, City Attorney

From: D. Grant Crawford, Director of Public Service & Engineering
Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor

Date: June 24, 2021

Re: Dept. of Public Service & Engineering Report to Council (June 28, 2021 Meeting)

UPDATES

See, June 21, 2021 Mayor's Report.

ACTION ITEM(S)

ACTION ITEM #1 – RESIDENTIAL WASTE COLLECTION – AWARD CONTRACT

Gahanna is a part of a Refuse Consortium 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 taxpayer dollars 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. In an effort to increase competition for the bid, the Refuse Consortium combined certain communities for bidding purposes. Gahanna was combined with Reynoldsburg.

Following Council's approval of permission to bid, the Consortium sought competitive bids. Haulers were asked to provide a Status Quo bid and were allowed to submit an alternate bid. The bids contained pricing for three-year plus two optional years.

Collection bids were opened on June 10, 2021, with bids from Rumpke and Local Waste Services. Local Waste only bid on Gahanna and Reynoldsburg. The following is a breakdown of each company bid:

Rumpke:

- Status Quo:
 - 2022-2024: \$22.31 per month per household
 - Optional Year 1: \$23.09
 - Optional Year 2: \$23.90

Local Waste:

- Status Quo:
 - 2022-2024 and 2 Optional Years: \$50 per month per household



- Alternate Bid:
 - 2022-2024 and 2 Optional Years: \$20.47 per month per household

The Administration has evaluated all of the options and is recommending awarding the Local Waste alternate bid, which includes several improvements and changes to service. Specifically, Local Waste would provide a 95-Gallon trash cart to all residents, providing a much cleaner look on collection day. The trash cart would be owned and maintained by Local Waste. Collection of ALL items (yard, trash and recycling) would occur for half of the City on Monday, while the second half of the City would be collected on Tuesday. Having all items collected together will allow residents to put everything on the curb for collection only one time and collect the can(s) all at once. Splitting the City in half over two days will help to ensure more reliable collection with fewer chances for delays. Lastly, Local Waste's alternate bid is \$1.84 cheaper than the Rumpke bid for the first three years, and will be \$3.43 cheaper by the end of the extension years. This equates to a savings of more than \$220k per year (and a savings of more than \$1 million over the life of the contract).

The Department of Public Service & Engineering has been provided numerous recommendation letters regarding Local Waste from other communities, including Upper Arlington, Grove City, Pataskala, Hilliard, and Whitehall). We also have spoken with representatives of several of these communities as well as consortium leaders, all of whom provided positive remarks about Local Waste's service.

Upon bid acceptance and contract approval, we will work closely with Local Waste on an implementation plan, which would include communication outreach to residents regarding the changes in service. Local Waste has completed many transitions and is ready to work with our community and our team create a smooth transition.

Based on the above, the Administration respectfully requests legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Local Waste Services for residential waste collection services.

Legislation Needed: Ordinance
Emergency/Waiver: N/A
Vendor Name: Local Waste Services

ACTION ITEM #2 – RECYCLING PROCESSING – AWARD CONTRACT

With the trash collection process, the collection contractor collects the yard, trash and recycling, and the City then has to pay a recycling contractor for processing of the recyclable materials. As noted above, the City cooperatively bids its residential waste collection contract and the recycling processing contract through the Solid Waste Consortium I. Within the Consortium's process, recycling processing is bid first, as these prices are built into some of the refuse collection contracts.

Recycling Processing bids were opened April 15, 2021. Rumpke was the only contractor who submitted a bid. The per-ton tipping/processing price remains at \$35/per ton for the entire



length of the contract. The contract will still include a revenue sharing clause that will allow the municipality to receive 50% of revenue realized beyond processing expenses. This revenue share is capped at \$20 per ton.

We are respectfully requesting legislation authorizing the Administration to enter into contract with Rumpke for recycling tipping fee/processing services.

Legislation Needed:	Ordinance
Emergency/Waiver:	N/A
Vendor Name:	Rumpke Waste and Recycling Services
Vendor Address:	1191 Fields Ave, Columbus, OH 43201