



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council Members

**FROM:** Shawn Willett, Deputy Procurement Officer

**DATE:** February 28, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Update on Item no. 37, for Emergency Short-Term Contract for Waste Collection at City Facilities, from the February 20, 2020 Council Meeting

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This memo is an update concerning Item no. 37, on February 20, 2020, Council Meeting, for a short-term contract with the current contractor, Waste Management of Texas, Inc., to provide collection, transportation, processing, and disposal of refuse, recycling, brush, and compostable materials generated by City facilities. As there were questions concerning next steps if the item was not approved, this memo provides an overview of efforts undertaken by staff to ensure services to City departments are not interrupted.

Staff reached out to the current contractor and asked if they could provide waste collection service on a short-term basis but take the waste to a landfill other than the Austin Community Landfill (ACL) in accordance with Council direction. The current contractor indicated they were unable to comply with this request. Staff then contacted four (4) other firms believed to be able to provide the needed services, including the provision to not use the ACL. Responses were received from two (2) providers Texas Disposal Systems, Inc. and Central Waste and Recycling, LLC, indicating they could provide the needed waste collection and disposal using a landfill other than ACL. In order to expedite removal/replacement of all City waste containers, dumpsters, etc., staff engaged both providers for this purpose.

As of today, staff have executed three (3) short term contracts to ensure uninterrupted services to all City facilities. One contract is with the current contractor, for one to two weeks, and only to facilitate their removal of the containers. This contract was authorized under the City Manager's authority and will not return to Council for further authorization. The other two contracts, with the new providers, were also authored under the City Manager's authority. These will be brought back to Council for further authorization for an additional period of time, on a month-to-month basis, not to exceed six-months in duration and for a combined amount not to exceed \$534,000.

These short-term contracts will only be used until the new solicitation has been completed and staff can return to Council to request authorization of a long-term contract for these services. The solicitation for the new long-term contract is expected to be released in the next several days.

Should you have any questions or would like any additional information please contact me at 512-974-2021 or [shawn.willett@austintexas.gov](mailto:shawn.willett@austintexas.gov).

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