CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

ITEM: **DATE: January 3, 2022**

Resolution – Approval and Acceptance of Waste Collection and Disposal Services Contract

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The monthly combined solid waste and recycling rate for West Des Moines and all of the participating member agencies will be at a rate of $15.05 per month. The break-down of costs are as follows:

- Solid Waste: $10.73 per household, per month
- Recycling: $4.32 per household, per month

With the new contract pricing the combined solid waste recycling rates will increase approximately 15%-23%, depending on the city's existing rate. Increases of this significance are unfortunate, but Metro Waste Authority staff continue to firmly believe these are still very favorable rates for the services provided.

There are several influential factors resulting in the increase:

- The Metro has enjoyed long-standing contracts, which have been in place for 10-20 years. While this has provided many advantages, it has kept the regions' rates artificially low.
- As every industry is experiencing, labor markets are exceptionally challenging, leading to all-time high wages.
- Fuel rates, CPI, and equipment costs are unprecedently high in this market.

All these factors are reflected in the rates; the haulers recognize while some variables will likely return to a norm, wages will not.

BACKGROUND:

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued in September 2021 for the collection of solid waste, yard waste, and/or recycling for 20 member cities and Polk County. Existing city contracts managed by Metro Waste Authority expire June 30, 2022, and the new contracts will begin July 1, 2022.
Solid waste, recycling, and yard waste services were bid by zones, bundling communities together to reach optimal house counts for hauler efficiency, thus pricing. There was an alternate bid to continue recycling as a standalone service. The zone West Des Moines is in will be awarded to our current hauler Waste Connections. All agencies will be served by Waste Management for the collection of recyclables.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Council Adopt:

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Lead Staff Member: Bret Hodne, Public Services Director

STAFF REVIEWS

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