

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 06/25/24 M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 24-0588

LOG NAME: 22RATIFY EXPENDITURES ORGANIC WASTE PROCESSING

SUBJECT

(ALL) Ratify Four Emergency Expenditures with The LETCO Group, LLC d/b/a Living Earth and Silver Creek Materials, Inc. Each in an Amount Up to \$100,000.00 for Organic Waste Material Processing

RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify four emergency expenditures with The LETCO Group, LLC d/b/a Living Earth and Silver Creek Materials, Inc. each in an amount up to \$100,000.00 for organic waste material processing.

DISCUSSION:

This Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) ratifies four emergency purchases: two with The LETCO Group, LLC d/b/a Living Earth and two with Silver Creek Materials, Inc. each in the amount up to \$100,000.00 for organic waste material processing services. The City of Fort Worth is utilizing these agreements to process organic materials into usable products and support waste diversion materials from the Southeast Landfill. These processing services are essential to preserving and protecting the long-term public health and safety of the City's residents.

Previously, the City entered into short-term agreements with The LETCO Group, LLC d/b/a Living Earth (CSC No. 60730 January 10, 2024) and Silver Creek Materials, Inc. (CSC No. 61039, March 4, 2024). The amount of each contract was not to exceed \$100,000.00. To support community health and safety the Department continues to collect brush and yard waste. The Environmental Services Department required additional funding to continue to take brush and yard waste to these vendors through the City's residential solid waste collection program.

In April and May 2024, the City Manager's Office authorized four emergency contracts each in the amount of \$100,000.00 for continued organic waste material processing services with The LETCO Group, LLC d/b/a Living Earth and Silver Creek Materials, Inc. Funding for each emergency contract is from the City of Fort Worth Solid Waste Fund. This Mayor & Council Communication ratifies these expenditures.

In February 2024, the Environmental Services Department issued an RFP seeking qualified firms for organic waste processing services. M&C 24-0406, to authorize a five-year agreement with The LETCO Group, LLC d/b/a Living Earth was originally scheduled to be considered on May 14, 2024; however, the City Council tabled the vote until June 11, 2024.

Section 252.022 of the Local Government Code and Article 2-9 of the City Code exempts from public bidding requirements expenditures that are necessary to preserve or protect public health or safety of the municipality's residents and procurements necessary because of unforeseen damage to public machinery, equipment, or property.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current operating budget, as previously appropriated, in the Solid Waste Fund to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the emergency contract. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Environmental Services Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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