



**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** December 17, 2014

**TITLE:** First Amendment to Agreement for Sludge Disposal Services

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the First Amendment to Agreement 433-11246, in substantially the form attached, with Biosolids Distribution Services LLC (Biosolids) to take sludge from the George T. Lohmeyer Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (GTL) to Wheelabrator South Broward, Inc., (Wheelabrator) South Broward Waste-to-Energy Facility, or to any other duly permitted Waste-to-Energy facility.

**Background**

On November 19, 2013, (CAM 13-1441), the City Commission awarded Biosolids the contract for sludge disposal.

The purpose of this amendment is to provide additional beneficial reuse sludge disposal options for GTL. During the wastewater treatment process, biosolids are removed and must be transported to an approved residual management facility or landfill as stated in the GTL operating permit as issued by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). Minor operating permit modifications have been approved by the FDEP to allow new disposal options including waste-to-energy. This disposal option and permit modification has been encouraged by FDEP staff.

City staff surveyed other trucking companies to explore alternative options for hauling the sludge from GTL to Wheelabrator. The investigation yielded three prices ranging from \$15 to \$19.50 per wet ton. Based on information provided by Biosolids, the City currently pays \$16.79 per wet ton for Biosolids to haul sludge to Wheelabrator.

The current hauling fees are in line with what other companies would charge and the current vendor has other options when needed. Staff therefore, recommends approval of this First Amendment to Agreement 433-11246.

### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact to the City.

### **Strategic Connections:**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Infrastructure Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 2: Be a sustainable and resilient community.
- Objective 4: Reduce solid waste disposal and increase recycling.
- Initiative 4: Examine the possibility of using sludge from water and wastewater operations more effectively.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Ready*.

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Proposal

Exhibit 2 – First Amendment to Contract

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