#23-0407

**TO**: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

**DATE**: June 6, 2023

TITLE: Resolution Approving Interlocal Agreement to Join the Solid Waste

Disposal and Recyclable Materials Processing Authority of Broward

County, Florida - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

### Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) to become a member of the Solid Waste Disposal and Recyclable Materials Processing Authority of Broward County, Florida.

### **Background**

On September 12, 2019, the City Commission approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Broward County confirming the City's desire to participate in a collaborative study and subsequent implementation of an integrated regional solid waste system (CAM 19-0670). Additionally, the City Commission secured representation in both the Solid Waste Working Group (SWWG) and the Technical Advisory Group, affirmed to pledge its solid waste flow, provided acceptable terms were developed and lawfully implemented, and to participate in financing the development of any facilities and construction as required in the development of the system.

On February 1, 2022 the City Commission approved an amendment to the MOU with Broward County, authorizing a Waste Generation Study to identify the amount of solid waste being generated within Broward County and a Waste Composition Study to determine what kind of solid waste is being generated (CAM 22-0097). The data collected in these studies will be used to inform the number of post-collection facilities needed, the capacities required for these facilities, and what kind of disposal or processing facilities are needed to best support the County's waste stream. Both studies are critical to establishing a regional solid waste system and the funding required to construct and maintain the required infrastructure for that system.

By approving this ILA, the City agrees to become a member of the Solid Waste Disposal and Recyclable Materials Processing Authority of Broward County, Florida (Authority). The purpose of the Authority is to develop and implement a long-term, environmentally

sustainable, transparent, innovative, and economically efficient plan and approach to disposal, reduction, recycling, and reuse of waste generated in Broward County.

The ILA requires the City to adopt a Master Plan and Facilities Amendment, developed by the Authority, within 18 months of the effective date of the ILA with extensions permitted as needed. The Master Plan will describe, among other things, the operations of the Authority in sufficient detail to fund and implement the infrastructure and facilities system, and any related programs, and to allow the Authority to plan for financing, investments, and improvements related to the system. The Facilities Amendment will provide a procedure and terms by which Authority facilities will be operated and utilized as part of the system, and a process to effectuate the orderly transfer of services being performed by the Authority and the transfer of assets of the Authority to a successor entity, or to the County if the County chooses to perform those services, if this Agreement is terminated or expires or if the Authority is dissolved. The Facilities Amendment must be approved for the ILA formation conditions to be successfully met.

Each member must financially contribute towards the costs of operations of the Authority, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 annually, until the Authority is able to fund its budget through special assessments or other methods. Additionally, the County will be responsible for 50% of the consultant expenses related to the Master Plan and the remaining 50% will be paid by the Municipal members on a pro rata basis, based on population. All other expenses will be jointly funded on a pro rata basis, based on population.

## Resource Impact

There is a fiscal impact to the City in an amount not to exceed \$319,975 for the City's portion of consultant expenses (\$63,995) and other Authority expenses (\$255,980). Funds for this Agreement are available in the FY2023 Operating Budget in the accounts listed below.

Funds available as of May 2, 2023					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-409-7202-534-30-3199	Collections	Services & Materials/ Other Prof Serv	\$14,158,277	\$4,665,736	\$319,975
			TOTAL AMOUNT ►		\$319,975

# Strategic Connections

This item supports the Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 1: Build a sustainable and resilient community
- Objective: Effectively manage solid waste

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Ready. 06/06/2023 Page 2 of 3 CAM #23-0407

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Solid Waste Management Element
- Goal 1: The City of Fort Lauderdale shall provide or maintain solid waste management and collection programs to serve current and future needs.
- Goal 2: The City of Fort Lauderdale shall promote and implement best practices for solid waste management.

## **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Interlocal Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Estimated Ongoing Contributions

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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