



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#17-0323

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

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

DATE: March 7, 2017

TITLE: Motion to Terminate Contract for Convenience for Sludge Hauling and
Disposal Services – Biosolids Distribution Services, LLC

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission terminate for convenience its contract with Biosolids Distribution Services, LLC, for sludge hauling and disposal services, Invitation to Bid No. 433-11246.

Background

On November 19, 2013 the City Commission approved a two-year contract with two, one-year renewals for sludge disposal services with Biosolids Distribution Services, LLC in the annual amount of \$2,556,000 (CAM 13-1441). This contract would expire December 17, 2017.

In an effort to save resources and potentially reduce City expenditures, the Procurement Services Division issued Invitation to Bid 873-11862 on December 16, 2016 for the Hauling and Disposal of Wastewater Treatment Grits, Rags, Solids and Sludge.

It was determined by staff that the bid from Merrell Brothers, Inc. for sludge hauling and disposal has met all of the specifications of the bid and was more cost effective compared to the current service provider. Pursuant to Section VI (D) of the Agreement, the City may terminate for convenience after providing thirty (30) days written notice to the current service provider.

Action taken on this item is only termination of the contract for convenience. The request to approve the award to a new vendor for this service is being presented via CAM 17-0182.

Resource Impact

There will be a current fiscal year cost savings to the City in the estimated amount of \$59,214 for termination of this contract for hauling and disposal of wastewater treatment sludge, and a cost saving of approximately \$406,575 over the term of the contract.

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*.

Related CAM

#17-0182

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Contract

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