#21-0349

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

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM**: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE**: April 20, 2021

**TITLE**: Motion Approving Agreement for Purchase of Refuse and Recycling Carts,

Semi-Automatic - Schaefer Systems International, Inc. - \$1,394,642.80 -

(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

#### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a three-year agreement in substantially the form attached, for the purchase of semi-automatic refuse and recycling carts from Schaefer Systems International, Inc. ("SSI"), in the estimated amount of \$1,394,642.80; and authorize the City Manager to approve two (2), one-year renewal options, contingent upon appropriation of funds.

### **Background**

The City of Fort Lauderdale manages an inventory of over 111,500 plastic refuse and recycling carts. The City purchases carts periodically to replace damaged or aged carts, as well as to place new carts at newly developed properties. The use of semi-automated refuse and recycling carts with Ultra High Frequency RFID tags and cart inventory tracking services has proven to be efficient and cost-effective in managing the collection of recyclables, yard waste, and refuse. The cart inventory management feature combined with continued use of reporting software can be used to determine collection participation rates by route and geographic area, assisting in the development of educational programs related to waste diversion and recycling. The described feature supports smart city functionality as the available information technology improves operational efficiency and shares information to provide a better quality of government service and citizen welfare.

On February 2, 2021, the Procurement Services Division issued Invitation to Bid 12492-813 for semi-automated refuse and recycling carts and received a total of three bids and one no bid. None of the responding vendors indicated their status as a Minority Business Enterprise, Women Business Enterprise, or Small Business Enterprise. All bids were reviewed for compliance with the solicitation specifications. The bid from SSI has met all the specifications of the bid and has been deemed the lowest cost, responsive and responsible bidder.

# **Resource Impact**

There is no impact in the FY 2021 Budget. Future years' expenditures are contingent 04/20/2021 Page 1 of 2 CAM #21-0349

upon the approval and appropriation of the annual budgets.

# **Strategic Connections**

This item is a Top 2021 Commission Priority, advancing the Resiliency initiative.

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

- Infrastructure
- 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.

#### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Solicitation Exhibit 2 – Tabulation Exhibit 3 – Agreement

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