



City of San Marcos

630 East Hopkins
San Marcos, TX 78666

Work Session - Final City Council

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

3:00 PM

City Council Chambers

630 E. Hopkins St. - Work Session

This will be an in-person and online meeting. To view the meeting please go to <http://sanmarcostx.gov/421/City-Council-Videos-Archives> or watch on Grande channel 16 or Spectrum channel 10.

I. Call To Order

II. Roll Call

III. Citizen Comment Period

NOTE: Citizen Comment sign up procedures have changed: Persons wishing to participate remotely (speak) during the Citizen Comment portion must sign up at www.sanmarcostx.gov/citizencommentsignup before 12:00PM the day of the meeting. A link will be provided for participation on a mobile device, laptop or desktop computer. Those wishing to speak in person may sign up in person in the City Clerk's office before 12:00PM the day of the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Receive a Staff presentation and hold discussion regarding the city's garbage collection services contract, and provide direction to the City Manager.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOTE: The City Council may adjourn into Executive Session to consider any item listed on this agenda if a matter is raised that is appropriate for Executive Session discussion. An announcement will be made of the basis for the Executive Session discussion. The City Council may also publicly discuss any item listed on the agenda for Executive Session.

2. The City Council will convene in executive session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Government Code:
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IV. Question and Answer Session with Press and Public.

NOTE: Question and Answer with Press and Public sign up procedures have changed: This is an

opportunity for the Press and Public to ask questions related to items on this agenda. Persons wishing to participate remotely (speak) during the Citizen Comment portion must sign up at www.sanmarcostx.gov/citizencommentsignup before 12:00PM the day of the meeting. A link will be provided for participation on a mobile device, laptop or desktop computer. If attending in person, no sign up is required.

NOTICE: In accordance with Section 2.045 (d) of the City Code, speakers must state their name, and must limit their remarks to three minutes. The allotted time will commence from the beginning of the speaker's remarks and will include any time spent in discussion between the speaker and council or board or commission members. Issues taking longer to communicate can be addressed outside the meeting to the city staff or to individual members of the council or board or commission, or submitted in writing.

V. Adjournment.

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LUCIA CORDOVA, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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Legislation Text

File #: ID#23-660, **Version:** 1

AGENDA CAPTION:

Receive a Staff presentation and hold discussion regarding the city's garbage collection services contract, and provide direction to the City Manager.

Meeting date: October 17, 2023

Department: Neighborhood Enhancement

Amount & Source of Funding

Funds Required: N/A

Account Number: N/A

Funds Available: N/A

Account Name: N/A

Fiscal Note:

Prior Council Action: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

City Council Strategic Initiative: [Please select from the dropdown menu below]

Choose an item.

Environmental Protection

Choose an item.

Comprehensive Plan Element (s): [Please select the Plan element(s) and Goal # from dropdown menu below]

- Economic Development - Choose an item.
- Environment & Resource Protection - Choose an item.
- Land Use - Choose an item.
- Neighborhoods & Housing - Choose an item.
- Parks, Public Spaces & Facilities - Choose an item.
- Transportation - Choose an item.
- Core Services
- Not Applicable

Master Plan: *[Please select the corresponding Master Plan from the dropdown menu below (if applicable)]*

Solid Waste Master Plan

Background Information:

Texas Disposal Systems has been the City's contractor for residential curbside service for trash, recycle, green waste and other waste disposal options, multifamily recycle, city facility trash and compost since 2003.

In 2015, the contract was amended with added service and restated with a new contract life: 5-year contract and 2 5-year extensions. The first extension was implemented October 2020 after discussion with City Council to go out for a Request for Proposals in 2024 before the second extension could be implemented.

This work session is to gather information from City Council on the direction they would like to go: either implement the second 5-year extension or go out for a Request for Proposals.

Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:

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Alternatives:

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Recommendation:

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City Council Work Session

Future Garbage Service

October 17, 2023

Purpose



- **Review: Prior Council Direction**
- **Receive: Council input for future garbage service**



Background

- **2003: Initial contracted garbage service with TDS**
 - 5-year contract with two(2) 5-year extensions
- **2008: First 5-year extension approved**
 - Term: January 31, 2013; one (1) additional 5-year term remaining
 - 2009: Added single-stream recycling
 - 2010: Added multifamily recycling
- **2015: Added green waste and 65-gal trash**
 - Modified contract term to match fiscal year
 - Due to addition of new services, a new contract term was created = started October 1, 2015 for 5 years with two (2) 5-year extensions
- **2020: Council approved first 5-year extension**
 - Current term ends in 2025
 - One (1) 5-year extension remains (2025 to 2030)
 - Council discussed going out to RFP/bid in 2024

Current Residential Rate Includes



- Curbside service for trash, recycle and green waste- pay as you throw program; bulk pickups; brush once a month at TDS
- Drop Off Facility at Green Guy Recycling 24/7; plus 1 TV, 2 CRT monitors, 2 freon-bearing appliances and 5 passenger tires/year
- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Drop Off- twice a week
- Brush Drop Off- second Saturday each month; mulch available
- Community Clean Ups: 4 per year (April, May, September and October)
- Downtown service of trash/recycle public containers; bus stop trash containers
- Administration and Educational Outreach
- Pharmaceutical Drop Off
- NEW: Reuse Warehouse- Saturdays 8am-12pm

Future Garbage Services

Seeking Council direction on service options and frequency

Residential Service - Curbside



- Trash Cart Size
 - Currently: offer 65- or 96-gallon cart. Some areas have a 35-gallon cart.
 - Option to offer 35-gallon cart to everyone: **Recommend: adding the option**
- Recycle Service
 - Currently: 96-gallon cart serviced every other week. Some areas have a 35-gallon cart.
 - After auditing: **Recommend: keeping it every other week; add 65-gallon cart**
 - Currently: up to 3 cardboard boxes to pickup extra recycle material
 - After auditing: **Recommend: up to 4 cardboard boxes**
- Green Waste Service
 - Currently: 96-gallon cart serviced every other week. Some areas have a 35-gallon cart.
 - After auditing: **Recommend: keeping it every other week; add 65-gallon cart**
 - Currently: up to 12 paper yard bags to pickup extra green waste
 - After auditing: **Recommend: keeping it at 12 paper yard bags**

Residential Services - Extras



- Bulk Pick Ups
 - Currently: Four (4) 3-cubic yard per year
 - More: could increase rate
 - Fewer: could reduce rate
 - **Recommend: leave it at four (4) 3-cubic yard per year**
- Community Clean Ups (4 events per year)
 - Currently in contract: Thirty six (36) 40-yard roll offs
 - Currently use: Forty (40) 40-yard roll offs
 - More events per year: could increase rate
 - Fewer events per year: could reduce rate
 - **Recommend: Forty (40) 40-yard roll offs; 4 events per year**

City Facilities



- Trash
 - Audited dumpsters and carts during Summer 2023
 - Staff is right sizing the dumpsters needed and preparing for new facilities
 - **Recommend: Letting staff continue evaluating**
- Compost
 - Only at Grant Harris and Discovery Center
 - **Recommend: Adding more compost dumpsters at other facility buildings**
 - **Recommend: Adding compost at athletic fields**

Multifamily



- Recycling
 - Currently: contract with TDS serviced once per week
 - **Recommend: Keeping the service**
- Composting
 - Currently: none
 - **Recommend: add targeted items, i.e. to go pizza boxes**
- Trash
 - Currently: complexes contract for service
 - Could lower rate for residential
 - Many complexes have national contracts that would have to be integrated within a year or two
 - Concerns with senior living facilities- cost
 - Could add extra pickups during the turn
 - **Recommend: not include in future service**

Commercial Businesses



- **Want to look at an all-inclusive provider?**
 - Could lower residential rate
 - Mom & Pop businesses could be especially affected
 - **Recommend: not to include in future service**
- **Other option:**
 - Universal Recycling Ordinance
 - **Recommend: research a Universal Recycling Ordinance**

Special Uses



- Roll Offs used for Park, Downtown, Illegal Dumping and Special Cleanups
 - Currently for trash: Two (2) 40-yard and one (1) 30-yard
 - Extra: One (1) 40-yard during tubing season
 - **Recommend: Keep as is; though may need to add an extra 40-yard trash for abandoned homeless encampment clean up**
- Special Events
 - Currently:
 - Pauline Espinosa Community Hall - trash
 - Sights & Sounds of Christmas - trash and compost
 - River Clean Ups - trash
 - Add Fall River Clean Up roll offs
 - Other special events- utilize the dumpsters at Grant Harris
 - **Recommend: Add Fall River Clean Up**

Environmental



- **Greenhouse Gas (GHGs) Emissions**
 - In evaluating, will look at how GHGs can be minimized
 - **Recommend: adding to the evaluation process**
- **Sustainability Management**
 - Within the industry there is a movement in looking at how companies manage operations
 - **Recommend: looking at other sustainable practices**

Potential Timeline



Create Request for Proposal (RFP):	30 - 60 days
Receive Proposals/Evaluate Bids	45 - 60 days
Issue RFP/Out for Public Interest	90 - 120 days
Interview Short List	4 - 6 weeks
Negotiate with Finalist Contract terms, project approach/implementation schedule	60 - 90 days
Council Award	30 days
Implementation if TDS is not awarded Order and distribute new carts (~35,000), Remove old carts	90 - 120 days
To be operational by October 1, 2025	At least 12 - 18 months to complete



Considerations

- **Timeline for RFP**
- **Transition and customer service**
- **Second 5-year extension of existing contract (2025 to 2030)**
 - Contract includes annual 3% increase
 - More predictable rate impact than going out to bid
- **Garbage service options in the future**

Council Direction Needed



Future Service Recommendation – Council Direction Needed

- **Residential**

- Add 35-gallon trash, recycle and green waste cart; 65-gallon recycle and green waste
- Keep every other week recycle service
- Add up to 4 cardboard boxes of recyclables
- Keep every other week green waste service
- Keep up to 12 paper yards bags of green waste
- Keep four(4) 3-cubic yards bulk pickup
- Increase to forty(40) 40-yard roll offs for Community Cleanups



Future Service Recommendation – Council Direction Needed

- **City Facilities**
 - Add compost to city facilities
 - Add compost to athletic fields
- **Multifamily**
 - Keep recycling
 - Add valet recycle service
 - Add targeted compost
 - Add Trash (not recommend)
- **Commercial**
 - Add Single Provider (not recommend)
 - Research Universal Recycling Ordinance
- **Special Uses**
 - Keep roll offs at 40 acres
 - Add Fall River Clean Up
- **Environmental**
 - Add into evaluation: reduced GHG emissions option
 - Research other sustainable practices

Questions



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