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DOUG LAFAVE
DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners
FROM: Doug La Fave, Deputy City Manager
DATE: April 16, 2024

RE: Yard Waste Transportation and Composting Services

Action Requested: That the City Commission consider approval of a four-year contract (2024-2028) for yard waste transportation and composting services with Cannonsburg Wood Products of Rockford, MI at \$6.25 per cubic yard with subsequent increases tied to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics-Consumers Price Index (CPI) relative to the associated 12-month contract periods.

Background: The City of East Grand Rapids collects about 16,000-25,000 cubic yards of yard waste material from the weekly/seasonal yard waste service provided to all properties in the city from April into December every year. After yard waste is collected and compacted it is temporarily stored at the Department of Public Works Complex until it is transferred to a state registered composting facility under Part 115, Solid Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended. Composting facilities are locations where composting of yard clippings or other organic materials occurs using mechanical handling techniques such as physical turning, windrowing, or aeration or using other management techniques approved by the Director of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE).

The current four-year contract with Cannonsburg Wood Products is set to expire at the end of April 2024. Recently the city advertised a request for quotes (RFQ) with Kent County Purchasing. Five bids were submitted with respect to the cubic yard unit pricing for transportation and composting services. The bid tab and associated submittals are included with materials. The qualified low bid is Cannonsburg Wood Products at \$6.25 per cubic yard for the first year with subsequent increases tied to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics-Consumers Price Index (CPI) relative to the associated 12-month contract periods. The city has had an excellent experience working with Cannonsburg Wood Products over the past four years. Reference checks indicated other vendors have also had similar experiences.

In terms of environmental considerations, Cannonsburg Wood Products commercially sells soil from its composting operation, including to the City of East Grand Rapids, which the Department of Public Works utilizes for construction and operations related restorations as well as agricultural operations in West Michigan as a natural alternative to synthetic fertilizers.

The estimated cost per year ranges between \$115,000 and \$125,000. The proposed FY 2024/2025 budget accounts for this expenditure

REVIEWED & APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:



Shea Charles, City Manager