



MEMORANDUM

Date: May 9, 2019

To: Board of Public Works
From: Raymond A Rogozinski, P.E.
Director of Public Works

Re: Process of Recyclables
BRRFOC RFP

The BRRFOC solicited pricing from facilities to process municipally curb side collected recyclables. The City currently ships recycling collected recalls to a facility in Berlin known as Murphy Road Recycling LLC, however the existing contract expires July 1, 2019. The Murphy Road facility receives curb side collected recyclables from the BRRFOC communities, separates the material and either markets the separated recycled materials or disposes of the waste residual (12%).

Bids were received by BRRFOC on April 25, 2019. The only facility that submitted a bid was the existing vendor, Murphy Road Recycling LLC. As indicated during the budget review process, the City currently receives a credit (payment) of \$9/ton for each 4800 tons of disposed recycling materials (\$45,900 FY 18/19). Due to import restrictions imposed by China, the market for recycling materials has collapsed and the DPW budgeted a disposal cost of \$70/ton. The submitted bid by Murphy Road Recycling LLC consists of a base price, plus a cost adjustment of recycling commodity price, that based on today market is \$82/ton.

The submitted bid of \$82/ton is dependent on commodity prices and will fluctuate throughout the year. The cost of \$82/ton does exceed the budgeted amount of \$70/ton, however the Department anticipates that the projected budget shortfall of \$61,200 can be addressed with an account carryover of funds from 2018-19 to 2019-20. The DPW collects approximately 5,100 tons of recycling each year, therefore the increase in disposal cost (\$9/ton credit to a disposal charge of \$82/ton) is \$464,100.

It should be noted that BRRFOC has not accepted the referenced Murphy Road Recycling LLC bid. They are currently reviewing the submitted information, have met with the facilities representatives and are investigating options.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at 860-584-6113.

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