

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** January 11, 2021

SUBJECT: Authorize second and final one-year contract extension with Republic Waste Services of Texas, LTD for solid waste and recycling services.

PRESENTER: Karen Manila, Assistant City Manager

SUMMARY:

The City's contract for solid waste and recycling collection services with Republic Waste Services of Texas, Ltd., had an initial five year term, which expired January 31, 2020. The contract includes the option to extend the contract for two additional one-year terms. The first one-year extension was approved by City Council November 11, 2019. This agenda item is a request to authorize the final one-year extension to the original contract.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

On December 8, 2014, City Council approved a contract with Republic Waste Services of Texas, LTD., to provide solid waste and recycling collection services to the City of North Richland Hills. The contract was for a five year period beginning February 1, 2015 and ending January 31, 2020. Included in the contract is an option to extend the contract for two additional one year terms. At the November 11, 2019 City Council meeting, the City Council approved the first one-year extension of the contract. Staff is requesting City Council approve the final one-year extension to the original contract through January 31, 2021. This request is to authorize the final contract extension through January 31, 2022. Included as part of the extension is an increase to residential and commercial rates, as allowed by the contract. Residential rates are proposed to increase to \$17.31 per month, or 2.75%. Commercial rates are proposed to increase by 3%. Both increases are the minimum annual rate adjustment as stipulated in the contract. No increases are proposed to the Arlington Landfill rate schedule for North Richland Hills residents. All conditions included in the original contract would remain in place with the extension. Contract terms include:

- Twice a week "take all" service on Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Friday
- Once a week residential curbside recycling on one of the regularly scheduled trash days
- Curbside Christmas tree collection, plus central drop-off locations
- \$15,000 donation each year to Keep NRH Beautiful
- \$10,000 per year donation for senior programming
- Landfill privileges for residents
- Dedicated route supervisor for North Richland Hills



Staff had hoped to renegotiate a new contract with Republic over the last year, as directed by City Council; however, the challenges presented by the COVID pandemic made renegotiation of a new contract very difficult. As this is the final extension to the 2015 contract there are two options available for future solid waste and recycling collection services: Issue a request for proposal or negotiate with Republic Waste on a new contract. Staff is seeking guidance from City Council on which way to proceed.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize second and final one-year contract extension with Republic Waste Services of Texas, LTD for solid waste and recycling services.