

Agenda Item 25:

- Does the current Synagro contract have a 120 day holdover period option available to the City, which can extend the contract expiration from November 17, 2016 to March 17, 2017?
- Under the proposed contract related to Agenda Item 25, does Synagro intend to adequately cure the agricultural compost and screen it to create a compost product that meets the US Composting Council's definition of compost? Will their product meet the definition of compost when it leaves the site, if it is not cured and screened before shipment offsite?
- If Dillo Dirt takes 6 ½ months to compost, cure and screen, how can Synagro's process to make All Gro agricultural compost be accomplished in two to four weeks? Are they making compost or just heat processed biosolids sludge, which can be land applied without a TCEQ permit for land application on the particular site, without limits on the amount of the sludge applied, and without the need for a biosolids land application site variance being granted by the Travis County Commissioners Court per the County's solid waste facility siting ordinance?
- Where else specifically has Synagro done large scale agricultural composting of Class B biosolids sludge (i.e. 100,000 tons of biosolids per year) and are receptors (residents, businesses and public access facilities, like Austin's airport) as close to those biosolids sludge processing facilities?
- What is the Class B land application proposed per ton charge to the City in the proposed Synagro contract? And, what would be the City's cost to land apply all its Class B biosolids through land application?
- If only 30% of the yard waste and brush going into the Hornsby facility comes from residential curbside collection, where does the other 70% of the yard waste and brush going into the Hornsby facility come from?
- Does Austin Water have enough bulking agent to supply Synagro to compost all of the City's biosolids into Dillo Dirt, or as Synagro's agricultural compost, All Gro, with and without the curbside collected yard waste?

Agenda Item 26:

- Could the sale of unscreened Dillo Dirt for the low cost of \$0.86 per cubic yard flood the market with below the cost of production biosolids, thus placing one contractor at the significant competitive advantage over other composters in the area?

Agenda Items 25 & 26:

- If City Council decides to only authorize staff to negotiate with both contractors and bring back the negotiated contracts for review and consideration by the ZWAC, the Water and Wastewater Commission, and by one or more Council committees, how long would it take staff to negotiate these contracts for publication and consideration by these groups?
- Will Austin Water continue to make Dillo Dirt compost with its own employees and equipment, even if Agenda items 25 and 26 are eventually approved by Council?