



**ZERO WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION
20170208-003b**

Date: February 8, 2017

Subject: **Recommendation on City Facilities Dumpster Collection Services**

Motioned By: Blaine

Seconded By: White

Recommendation

After rescinding an action on the item from November 9, 2016 ZWAC meeting, and reviewing the item in four sections, a motion was made by Commissioner Blaine to not recommend the Request For Proposals SLW0514 and to address the concerns via future public procurement discussions, including RFP's and other approaches. Commissioner White second. The motion was approved on a 9-0 vote, Commissioners Bones and Jiampietro absent.

Description of Recommendation to Council

The Zero Waste Advisory Commission voted not to approve negotiation and execution of a 36 month contract to provide citywide refuse, recycling, organics, and special waste collections for City facilities. RFP SLW051.

Rationale: The Zero Waste Advisory Commission addressed the following sections and have provided rationale for their vote regarding the areas below:

City Facilities:

Opposition to any of the city waste going to the Austin Community Landfill or San Antonio landfill, or other facilities outside the CAPCOG region.

Lack of clarification regarding the benefit of the "Citywide" scope of the agreement, including lack of analysis of cost effectiveness of providing some services in-house.

Need to ensure existing contracts are honored fully.

Emergencies: Lack of explicit diversion and reuse provisions for emergencies.

Special Events: Unknown impact to small business community.

Class 2 and non-hazardous waste: All concerns from previous discussions remain unaddressed. Overall environmental and community impact, and carbon footprint concerns.

Vote: Unanimous 9-0

For: Commissioners Joyce, Rojo, Savage, Masino, Acuna, Gattuso, White, Hoffman, Blaine

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: Jiampietro, Bones

Attest Michael Sullivan Michael Sullivan, ZWAC Staff liaison



**ZERO WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION
20161109-003e**

Date: November 9, 2016

Subject: **Recommendation on City Facilities Dumpster Collection Services**

Motioned By: Blaine

Seconded By: Bones

Recommendation

A motion was made by Commissioner Blaine against recommending the contract based on the points listed in the rationale section below. Commissioner Bones second. The motion was unanimously approved 10-0-0-1 with Commissioners Jiampietro absent.

Description of Recommendation to Council

The Zero Waste Advisory Commission voted against recommending negotiation and execution of a 36 month contract to provide citywide refuse, recycling, organics, and special waste collections for City facilities. RFP SLW0514

Rationale: The Zero Waste Advisory Commission cited the following reasons for their vote against recommending the proposed contract:

- Lack of diversion policies/goal
- Inclusion of the Austin Energy waste which is problematic for reasons that date back to original version of the contract rejected by Council
- Expansion of services
- Tripling of cost
- Lack of information about location of the landfill
- Lack of information about carbon footprint
- Concern about the impact of special events services

Vote: 10-0-0-1

For: Commissioners Acuna, Blaine, Bones, Gattuso, Hoffman, Joyce, Masino, Rojo, Savage, White

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Commissioners Jiampietro

Attest:

Michael Sullivan, ZWAC staff liaison