

**State of Texas
County of Bexar
City of San Antonio**



**Meeting Minutes City
Council Special Session**

City Hall Complex
San Antonio, Texas 78205

2021 – 2023 Council Members

Mayor Ron Nirenberg

Mario Bravo, Dist. 1 | Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, Dist. 2
Phyllis Viagran, Dist. 3 | Dr. Adriana Rocha Garcia, Dist. 4
Teri Castillo, Dist. 5 | Melissa Cabello Havrda, Dist. 6
Manny Pelaez, Dist. 8 | John Courage, Dist. 9
Clayton Perry, Dist. 10

Thursday, February 9, 2023

1:00 PM

Municipal Plaza Building

The City Council convened a regular meeting in the Norma S. Rodriguez Council Chamber in the Municipal Plaza Building beginning at 1:03 PM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Council Members present:

PRESENT: 7 – Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Courage, Perry

ABSENT: 3 - Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Pelaez

ITEMS

1. Pre-Solicitation briefing for a municipal solid waste disposal services contract. [David W. McCary, Assistant City Manager; David Newman, Director, Solid Waste Management Department]

City Manager Erik Walsh introduced the Item and the Director of the Solid Waste Management Department (SWMD) David Newman, noting that the current contracts were expiring in 2025. Newman reported that the contracts were for a 10-year term with five additional one-year renewals. Newman stated that the contract was to provide waste disposal services for municipal solid waste collected by the SWMD. He noted that the value for the first year was \$12.7 million with a \$127 million base 10-year contract.

Newman described the solicitation outreach process, listed evaluation panelists and scoring criteria which included: 35 points for experience, background and qualifications, 30 points for the proposed plan, 20 points for pricing, 10 points for Local Preference Program and 5 points for the Veteran Owned Small Business Preference Program. Newman stated that audited financial statements would be required and the Small Business Economic Development Advocacy Program was waived. Newman provided a Request for Proposals (RFP) timeline.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda asked how many contracts would be awarded. Newman stated that there were currently three contracts, however, the department would recommend the number of contracts, vendors, and price that would be the most advantageous to the City.

Councilmember Perry asked about the length of the current contract and the recommended length of the new contract. Newman stated that the existing contracts were for 30 years and the new ones would be a base of 10 years with five additional one-year renewals noting that the length of the term was an improvement but a longer term could be considered. Councilmember Perry suggested that a longer contract period might end up being cheaper so he requested more details about the feedback received from the industry. Councilmember Perry suggested that going with only one vendor might provide a better economy of scale and value for the City and recommended benchmarking with other cities. Newman replied that diversification was recommended to have multiple sites throughout the community and multiple vendors.

Councilmember Perry asked about sites that were owned by the City and whether this was a performance-based contract. Newman stated that the transfer station was owned by the City and leased to the operation which was not a part of this RFP and this was considered a professional service contract.

Councilmember Perry asked how the Local Preference Policy Ordinance (LPP) and Volume-Based Procurement (VoBP) was structured. Deputy Chief Financial Officer Troy Elliott provided the definition of each and stated that the designations only applied to the prime contractor. Councilmember Perry recommended more time for the solicitation period.

Councilmember Bravo asked why staff recommended going from a 30 year to a 10-year contract term and suggested that even a shorter term could be viable since people were recycling more and so the volume of waste could be reduced so he did not recommend being locked into a minimum amount of waste. Newman stated that due to the future being unknown, a 10-year term was recommended but the plan could be flexible, however, garbage was not going away even as recycling increased because the population was changing and increasing.

Mayor Nirenberg recommended maximum flexibility so that the City could make further gains regarding recycling and other waste streams.

Councilmember Castillo suggested that the deconstruction program might impact the solid waste contract.

Councilmember Courage asked who had the options to renew the contract. Newman stated that the contract would include a mutual agreement. Councilmember Courage asked how many landfills were in Bexar County and where the waste went. Newman stated that there were two landfills in Bexar County and it was a lengthy process to open a new one, however, there is an option for beneficial use that might be shorter. Newman stated that most material was taken to Buda, Texas which was 50-60 miles from the transfer station.

Councilmember Courage suggested instead of one-year renewals, perhaps a two-year renewal would be better. Newman agreed that two-years would be more beneficial to the City.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was not held.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:33 PM.

Approved

**Ron Nirenberg
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre
City Clerk**