



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2024-683

Agenda Date: September 19, 2024

Department: Public Works Department

Title: 2024-683 Agreement with Life Soils Florida, LLC for Vegetative Waste Processing (B)

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Description: Request for City Commission approval, an Agreement for Annual Processing and Beneficial Recycling/Composting of Vegetative Waste with Life Soils Florida, LLC.

Fiscal Note: Funding for this agreement, not to exceed \$200,000 annually, will be allocated in the Solid Waste Fund budget.

Explanation: Alachua County advertised a joint County/City bid for the processing of vegetative waste. A joint bidding process was used for economy of scale. Alachua Invitation to Bid # 25-57-MM, Annual Processing and Beneficial Recycling/Composting of Vegetative Waste for Alachua County and the City of Gainesville was advertised on April 3, 2024. Two vendors submitted bids for the solicitation by the May 22, 2024 deadline. Life Soils Florida, LLC was awarded the bid by Alachua County on July 9, 2024.

The scope of the Agreement includes environmentally safe processing of vegetative waste collected by the City and its waste hauler(s), thus diverting vegetative waste from the landfill and contributing to the City's Zero Waste goals. Vegetative waste, such as curbside collected yard waste and tree debris from City operations will be turned into mulch or compost. The term of the Agreement is October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2029 with the option to renew for one additional five-year term.

Strategic Connection:

- Goal 1: Equitable Community
- Goal 2: More Sustainable Community
- Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience
- Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy
- Goal 5: "Best in Class" Neighbor Services

Recommendation: The City Commission authorize the City Manager or designee to enter into an Agreement with Life Soils, LLC. in an amount of \$200,000 annually, for the annual processing and beneficial recycling/composting of vegetative waste through September 30, 2029, with the option to renew for one additional five year term, subject to approval by the City Attorney or designee as to form and legality.