Thursday, August 26, 2010

Solid Waste Services RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 39

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement in the amount of \$15,000 with the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) to hire and fund temporary staff for the purpose of performing regional solid waste data collection and analysis to support the City's Solid Waste Master Plan and CAPCOG's Regional Solid Waste Management Plan.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$15,000 will be contingent upon the approval of the SWS Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Solid Waste Advisory Commission.

The City of Austin Solid Waste Services Department (SWS) and the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) are proposing to enter into an interlocal agreement to cooperatively conduct data collection and analysis.

SWS and CAPCOG are in the process of developing long-range plans to manage the region's wasteshed. SWS is currently gathering wasteshed data related to the City's Solid Waste Master Plan. CAPCOG is in the planning process to gather similar data, but will focus on more of the surrounding counties. Data gathered by CAPCOG and the City will be utilized in the CAPCOG Regional Solid Waste Management Plan. An interlocal agreement between the two bodies would allow CAPCOG and SWS to hire the same staff to perform the research necessary for the project which would improve efficiency and ensure consistency in the data gathering and analysis process.