

City of Broken Arrow

Request for Action

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Broken Arrow Municipal Authority Meeting of: 11-05-2019

Title:

Consideration, discussion, and possible action regarding the recommendations from the Citizens' Recycle Committee and the recommendations from the City Manager and possible direction to staff to proceed with implementation

Background:

At the September 17, 2019 meeting the Authority members received and accepted the Curbside Recycling Pilot Project report from GGB, Inc. Included in that report was the recommendations from the Citizens' Recycle Committee. The Committee recommended the following:

- 1. Convert the entire City to once a week collection via rerouting;
- 2. Issue all customers a 96 gallon blue recycling cart with the option to opt-out;
- 3. Continue collection of garbage and yard waste in bags with a 50% reduction in bags to each customer;
- 4. Consider beginning to replenish truck fleet with automated trucks for collecting recyclables; and,
- 5. Within 3 years of the date of implementation of the recycling program implement trash carts and eliminate the trash bag program.

In addition to accepting the report the Authority directed staff to schedule a work session for further discussion. That work session was held on October 10, 2019.

City Manager Michael Spurgeon shared his recommendations with the Authority at the work session. He and the staff suggested the following be considered by the Authority:

- 1. Adopt the Citizen Recycling Committee recommendations with two amendments:
 - A. Rather than implement trash carts within 3 years of implementing the recycling program, provide a trash cart simultaneous to providing the recycling cart. Customers would be provided options regarding size of the trash cart.
 - B. Rather than provide a reduced amount of trash bags, eliminate providing trash bags, immediately.
 - C. Prior to implementation of the carts the staff would develop and submit to the Authority for consideration updated policies regarding yard waste disposal and hose side services for elderly and disabled customers.
 - D. Consider separating the Sanitation Division from the General Services Department and establish it as a separate department.

Cost: With the full implementation of the proposed action steps regarding rerouting and

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elimination of trash bags it is anticipated that operational and capital costs would not increase.

Funding Source: BAMA revenues

Requested By: Lee Zirk, General Service Director

Approved By: City Manager's Office

Attachments: September 17, 2019 Curbside Recycling Pilot Project Report and the

October 10, 2019 BAMA Work Session Minutes

Recommendation:

Adopt the recommendations of the Citizens' Recycling Committee with the amendments proposed by the City Manager and staff. Direct the staff to proceed with implementation.