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Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND:

This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to enter into an agreement on behalf of the City of Columbus, between Kurtz Brothers, Inc. (KBI) and the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) for the design, construction and operation of an Organic Waste Recovery and Reuse System (OWRRS) project to process municipal sewage sludge, food waste, animal waste, yard waste and other organic material.

This agreement will provide the Division of Sewerage and Drainage with an alternate, environmentally friendly way to dispose of up to 25,000 wet tons of sewage biosolids per year. Under the terms of this 10-year agreement the disposal cost to the Division shall be \$45.00 per ton, declining annually until it reaches \$20.00 per ton in years 6 through 10.

KBI will design, construct and operate the OWRRS project at Scioto Downs in Franklin County, Ohio or an alternative site acceptable to SWACO and the City of Columbus. (See Attachment for OWRRS Terms and Conditions)

2. FISCAL IMPACT:

The Division of Sewerage and Drainage includes funding within their annual operating budget request for costs associated with the disposal of sewage biosolids through land application, landfill dumping fees, and incineration expenses. Through its participation in the OWRRS, the Division anticipates that fats, oils and greases currently disposed at the city's trucked waste disposal facility, will be diverted to the OWRRS, which will reduce the Division's operations and maintenance costs.

The Division of Sewerage and Drainage anticipates requesting legislative authority in 2006 and annually thereafter for purposes of establishing funding for the costs associated with its participation in the OWRRS.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into an agreement on behalf of the City of Columbus between the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio and Kurtz Brothers, Inc., for the design, construction and operation of the Organic Waste Recovery and Reuse System project.

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus is committed to providing environmentally friendly programs for the disposal of yard waste, sewage biosolids, fats, oils and greases and other waste streams from the community, and is continuously searching for alternatives to landfill disposal and incineration; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, Department of Public Utilities, and the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio are desirous of establishing an Organic Waste Recovery and Reuse System project to process municipal sewage biosolids, fats, oils, greases, food waste, animal waste, yard waste and other organic material; and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio and the City of Columbus, utilized the Request for Statement of Qualification competitive procurement provisions of Section 329.13 of the Columbus City Codes for purposes of procuring a ten-year agreement for the design, construction and operation of the area's first Organic Waste Recovery and Reuse System; and has determined Kurtz Brothers, Inc., to be the highest ranking offeror; and

WHEREAS, in order for the City of Columbus to participate in the aforementioned program, it is necessary for this City Council to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into an agreement on behalf of the City of Columbus with the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio and Kurtz Brother, Inc. for purposes of establishing the terms and conditions upon all parties; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

Section 1. That the Director of Public Utilities is hereby authorized and directed to enter into contract with the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) and Kurtz Brothers, Inc., for the design, construction and operation of an organic Waste Recovery and Reuse System project.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.