



Legislation Text

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This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to execute Contract Modification No. 16 to the Organic Waste Processing Agreement between the City of Columbus (City), Kurtz Brothers Central Ohio, LLC (Kurtz) and the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO).

This Modification No. 16 will fund the following provisions and services to this contract. Modification No. 16 will be in effect from December 1, 2021 to and including November 30, 2022. The contract includes:

A. Trucked Waste Disposal Facility:

Grant Kurtz Brothers Central Ohio, LLC the authority to design their facility to include the process of accepting trucked waste in addition to the fats, oils and grease (FOG) that they will be accepting under the terms of the original agreement. In so much as Kurtz was constructing a similar facility to the one operated by the Division of Sewerage and Drainage (DOSD) in the vicinity of Berliner Park, both parties agreed that it would be in their best interests to share a facility to accommodate both efforts, thereby reducing costs and a duplication of services. This facility will be operated and maintained by Kurtz under the terms of this agreement. Per mutual agreement of the parties, this service ceased on November 30, 2018. The facility was relocated and the City assumed the responsibility previously performed by Kurtz on November 30, 2018.

B. Incinerator Ash Beneficial Reuse Program:

Grant Kurtz Brothers Central Ohio, LLC the authority to finalize a beneficial reuse program for wastewater treatment incinerator ash that was generated by the City's two wastewater treatment plants. Ash had been historically stored at the treatment plants in lagoons and land filled at considerable expense to DOSD. This program had allowed for up to 5,000 tons of wastewater treatment incinerator ash a year to be removed and adapted for beneficial reuse under this provision, at a rate of \$30.97 per ton, which was less than the land filing cost to the City. In 2015, the CITY ceased incineration of sewerage sludge, and incinerator ash is no longer generated at the Jackson Pike Wastewater Treatment Facility or the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Facility.

C. Fixed Rate Sewerage Sludge Processing Term:

Continue a fixed rate fee of \$33.50 per wet ton of sewerage sludge processing for the duration of this contract (10 + 5 year extension). This contract authorizes the transfer to the Organic Waste Recovery and Reuse System of up to 25,000 wet tons of sewerage sludge per year at this rate. This contract provides DOSD with an additional beneficial alternative use option for sewerage sludge.

1. Amount of additional funds: The amount of additional funds needed for this contract is \$867,235.00. The original contract was established without funding. The total City cost of the original contract and all modifications is \$11,488,145.00. This modification represents an extension of the contract period of December 1, 2021 through and including November 30, 2022.
2. Reason additional funds were not foreseen: The need for additional funds was foreseen and an extension is provided in the original contract. This legislation is to cover the funds budgeted for remainder of fiscal year 2021 through and including November 30, 2022 for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage.
3. Reason other procurement processes were not used: This contract is for 10 years with a 5-year extension provided in the original contract. No lower pricing/more attractive terms and conditions are anticipated at this time.

4. How cost was determined: The cost, terms and conditions are in accordance with the original agreement as modified.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$867,235.00 is needed and budgeted for this modification.

\$808,920.13 has been spent in 2021

\$1,165,070 was spent in 2020

\$1,087,601.66 was spent in 2019

SUPPLIER: Kurtz Brothers Central Ohio, LLC (20-3524137), DAX Vendor #001253, Expires 12/04/22
Kurtz Brothers Central Ohio, LLC does not hold MBE/FBE status.

The company is not debarred according to the Excluded Party Listing System of the Federal Government or prohibited from being awarded a contract according to the Auditor of State Unresolved Findings for Recovery Certified Search.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to modify and extend an agreement on behalf of the City of Columbus between Kurtz Brothers Central Ohio, LLC and the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio, for the design, construction and operation of the Organic Waste Recovery and Reuse System Project, and to authorize the expenditure of \$867,235.00 from the Sewer Operating Sanitary Fund. (\$867,235.00)

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

WHEREAS, the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, Department of Public Utilities, and the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio were desirous of establishing an Organic Waste Recovery and Reuse System (OWRRS) program to process municipal sewerage sludge, 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 the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Code 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 had determined Kurtz Brothers Central Ohio, LLC, to be the highest ranking offeror; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1270-2005, as passed by Columbus City Council on July 25, 2005, authorized the Director of Public Utilities to enter into an agreement on behalf of the City between Kurtz Brothers Central Ohio, LLC, and the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio for the design, construction and operation of an Organic Waste Recovery and Reuse System project to process municipal sewerage sludge, food waste, animal waste, yard waste and other organic material; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1442-2006, as passed by Columbus City Council on September 18, 2006, authorized the Director of Public Utilities to execute a contract modification on behalf of the City and the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio and Kurtz Brothers Central Ohio, LLC, to allow for the selection of an alternative site for the OWRRS facility, and to extend the deadline for the construction of said facility; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1268-2009, as passed by Columbus City Council on October 26, 2009, authorized the Director of Public Utilities to execute a contract modification on behalf of the City and the Solid Waste Authority of

Central Ohio and Kurtz Brothers Central Ohio, LLC, for purposes of incorporating additional public-private partnerships including the development of a beneficial reuse of wastewater treatment incinerator ash and provisions for moving the City's Trucked Waste Disposal Facility location to the OWRRS site for purposes of allowing a mutual benefit between the contracted parties and its customers; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1519-2010, as passed by Columbus City Council on November 22, 2010, authorized the Director of Public Utilities to execute a contract modification on behalf of the City and the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio and Kurtz Brothers Central Ohio, LLC, for purposes of continuing the development of a beneficial reuse of wastewater treatment incinerator ash and provisions for moving the City's Trucked Waste Disposal Facility location to the OWRRS site, and for incorporating additional public-private partnerships including the development of a beneficial reuse of wastewater treatment sewerage sludge; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2010-2012, as passed by Columbus City Council on November 12, 2012, authorized the Director of Public Utilities to execute a contract modification on behalf of the City and the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio and Kurtz Brothers Central Ohio, LLC, for purposes of continuing the development of a beneficial reuse of wastewater treatment incinerator ash and provisions for moving the City's Trucked Waste Disposal Facility location to the OWRRS site, and for incorporating additional public-private partnerships including the development of a beneficial reuse of wastewater treatment sewerage sludge; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 0323-2013, as passed by Columbus City Council on March 4, 2013, authorized the Director of Public Utilities to execute a contract modification on behalf of the City and the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio and Kurtz Brothers Central Ohio, LLC, for purposes of continuing the development of a beneficial reuse of wastewater treatment incinerator ash and provisions for moving the City's Trucked Waste Disposal Facility location to the OWRRS site, and for incorporating additional public-private partnerships including the development of a beneficial reuse of wastewater treatment sewerage sludge; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2098-2013, as passed by Columbus City Council on November 27, 2013, authorized the Director of Public Utilities to execute a contract modification on behalf of the City and the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio and Kurtz Brothers Central Ohio, LLC, for purposes of continuing the development of a beneficial reuse of wastewater treatment incinerator ash and provisions for moving the City's Trucked Waste Disposal Facility location to the OWRRS site, and for incorporating additional public-private partnerships including the development of a beneficial reuse of wastewater treatment sewerage sludge; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2521-2014, as passed by Columbus City Council on November 24, 2014, authorized the Director of Public Utilities to execute a contract modification on behalf of the City and the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio and Kurtz Brothers Central Ohio, LLC, for purposes of continuing the development of a beneficial reuse of wastewater treatment incinerator ash and provisions for moving the City's Trucked Waste Disposal Facility location to the OWRRS site, and for incorporating additional public-private partnerships including the development of a beneficial reuse of wastewater treatment sewerage sludge; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2719-2015, as passed by Columbus City Council on November 23, 2015, authorized the Director of Public Utilities to execute a contract modification on behalf of the City and the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio and Kurtz Brothers Central Ohio, LLC, for purposes of continuing the development of a beneficial reuse of wastewater treatment incinerator ash and provisions for moving the City's Trucked Waste Disposal Facility location to the OWRRS site, and for incorporating additional public-private partnerships including the development of a beneficial reuse of wastewater treatment sewerage sludge; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2732-2016, as passed by Columbus City Council on December 5, 2016, authorized the Director of Public Utilities to execute a contract modification on behalf of the City and the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio and Kurtz Brothers Central Ohio, LLC, for purposes of continuing the development of a beneficial reuse of wastewater treatment incinerator ash and provisions for moving the City's Trucked Waste Disposal Facility location to the OWRRS site, and for incorporating additional public-private partnerships including the development of a beneficial reuse

of wastewater treatment sewerage sludge; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2960-2017, as passed by Columbus City Council on December 4, 2017, authorized the Director of Public Utilities to extend the contract through November 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 3136-2018, as passed by Columbus City Council on December 10, 2018, authorized the Director of Public Utilities to extend the contract through November 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2888-2019, as passed by Columbus City Council on December 9, 2019, authorized the Director of Public Utilities to extend the contract through November 30, 2020 and for purposes of providing the contract funding and extension necessary for the additional beneficial alternative use option for sewerage sludge that is generated by the City's two wastewater treatment plants, and for finalizing the beneficial reuse program for wastewater treatment incinerator ash; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2592-2020, as passed by Columbus City Council on December 7, 2020, authorized the Director of Public Utilities to extend the contract through November 30, 2021 and for purposes of providing the contract funding and extension necessary for the additional beneficial alternative use option for sewerage sludge that is generated by the City's two wastewater treatment plants, for finalizing the beneficial reuse program for wastewater treatment incinerator ash, and for emergency processing services for organics; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this agreement have determined it advantageous to enter into a contract modification for purposes of providing the contract funding and extension necessary for the additional beneficial alternative use option for sewerage sludge that is generated by the City's two wastewater treatment plants; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Sewerage and Drainage wishes to extend and increase the current contract for one (1) additional year from December 1, 2021 through November 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, this modification No. 16 will include an additional \$29,735.00 for the Emergency Processing Services for Organics; and

WHEREAS, this modification No. 16 will allow for the continuation of a fixed rate fee of \$33.50 per wet ton of sewerage sludge processing for the duration of this contract (10 + 5 year extension). This contract authorizes the transfer to the Organic Waste Recovery and Reuse System of up to 25,000 wet tons of sewerage sludge per year at this rate. This contract provides DOSD with an additional beneficial alternative use option for sewerage sludge; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities, Division of Sewerage and Drainage, to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to modify, increase and extend the current contract for Organic Waste Recovery and Reuse System project on behalf of the City and the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio with Kurtz Brothers Central Ohio, LLC; 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 modify, extend and increase a contract with the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO), 4239 London Groveport Road, Grove City, OH 43123, and Kurtz Brothers Central Ohio, LLC, 6055 C Westerville Road, PO Box 207, Westerville, OH 43081, for the design, construction and operation of an Organic Waste Recovery and Reuse System, to and including November 30, 2022, and to provide payments for the emergency processing services for organics in the amount of \$29,735.00 and for sewerage sludge processing of up to 25,000 wet tons at \$33.50 per wet ton, for a total contract modification of \$867,235.00. Total amount of Modification No. 16 is ADD \$867,235.00. Total contract amount including this modification is \$11,488,145.00.

SECTION 2. That this modification is in accordance with the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of the City Code

relating to contract modifications.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$867,235.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 6100, Sewer Operating Sanitary Fund, in object class 03 Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 5. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.