

# City Council Agenda Item Memo

**From:** Ashley Rentsch, Finance Director

**Council Meeting:** June 25, 2024 / July 9, 2024

**Subject:** Ordinance 24-015: Amendment No. 6 to the 2024 Budget

**Presenter:** Ashley Rentsch, Finance Director

## **Summary:**

Staff recommends Council approval on this budget amendment. This amendment increases the contracting services budget in the Solid Waste Disposal (Landfill) Fund to account for an increased frequency and quantity of leachate hauling.

## **Background:**

City of Brookings Staff continually monitors departmental budgets and brings amendments to the City Council as necessary to account for circumstances not anticipated in the originally adopted appropriation ordinance. This ensures compliance with state and local laws and maintains transparency regarding the City's operational needs.

This ordinance increases budget authority in the Solid Waste Disposal (Landfill) Fund by \$75,000 to account for additional leachate hauling. For reference, leachate is the polluted liquid that drains from a landfill or waste disposal site, typically formed when rainwater filters through the waste.

## **Item Details:**

Contracting Services for the Landfill in the amount of \$75,000. The most recent bid for leachate hauling services was significantly lower than the amount paid to the previous contractor. However, the new contractor is able to haul more than the previous contractor, which is positive from a compliance perspective. Now that we are able to achieve the optimal amount of leachate hauling, we have a more accurate picture of the true cost.

## **Legal Consideration:**

None.

## **Strategic Plan Consideration:**

This action supports fiscal responsibility by increasing budget authority for expenditures and increasing transparency regarding City operational needs.

## **Financial Consideration:**

This amendment will increase the 2024 Solid Waste Disposal budget by \$75,000; which will come from the reserves in that enterprise fund.

**Options and Recommendation:**

The City Council has the following options:

1. Approve as presented
2. Amend
3. Deny
4. Move the item to a Study Session
5. Discuss / take no action / table

Staff recommends approval.

**Supporting Documentation:**

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