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MEMORANDUM

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To: Mayor and City Council Members

Cc: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

From: Laura Liegois, Solid Waste Manager

Date: July 5, 2016

Recycling Center  
Transfer Station  
Landfill Operations  
Refuse Collection

Re: Request to Issue a Purchase Order for Carts for the Refuse Collection Program

**Introduction:**

The City of Muscatine's Refuse Collection program requested bids for 2,500 carts for fiscal year 2016 and 2,500 carts for fiscal year 2017 for the automated collection program. Three bids were received, with one bid meeting the specifications as requested on March 2, 2016. This memo is to purchase the 2,500 carts requested for fiscal year 2017 and to add an additional one hundred 95-gallon carts for Phase Three of the program. The purchase of the the additional carts is within the budgeted amount of \$120,000.00 and allows for changes and additions to customers in the future.

**Background:**

Since 2013, the City of Muscatine's Refuse Collection program has moved towards automated collection of waste. Currently, nearly 6,500 carts have been placed in our community. Placement of carts on the final route will be completed after this purchase.

In March of 2016 Staff requested bids for a total of 5,000 carts. The first delivery of 2,500 carts was completed in June 2016. The second delivery of 2,500 carts will be in the Phase Three area during the weeks of September 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Staff is requesting to order an additional one hundred 95-gallon carts in addition to the order of 2,500 carts for the September delivery.

Bids received for the 2,500 carts are listed below:

Schaefer Systems International	Did not meet specs
Rehrig Pacific Company	\$112,695.00
Otto	Did not meet specs

The cost is \$4,825.00 for the additional one hundred 95-gallon carts. The total requested for the purchase order is \$117,520.00 to Rehrig Pacific for 2,600 carts.

**Recommendation to issue a purchase order for carts for the Refuse Collection program:**

Staff recommends the purchase of 2,600 containers from Rehrig Pacific Company for \$117,520.00. The current budget has \$120,000.00 for containers. Rehrig Pacific Company is the supplier of the current cart we have distributed and meets all requirements specified by staff.

**"I remember Muscatine for its sunsets. I have never seen any on either side of the ocean that equaled them" — Mark Twain**