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Environmental Commission Recommendation on Interim Operations for MRF and Transfer Station

..Memorandum

Members of the Environmental Commission have reviewed the City Administrator's memo to the Environmental Commission titled *Ann Arbor MRF Update and Staff Recommendations for Next Steps* and are providing a recommendation to the Ann Arbor City Council concerning Interim Operation of the Ann Arbor Material Recovery Facility (MRF) and Waste Transfer Station.

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Introduced by Commissioner Hutton

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Whereas, Effective July 11, 2016, the City terminated the operating contract for the City-owned Material Recovery Facility/Transfer Station;

Whereas, Recycling processing is a component of the Solid Waste Resource Plan and is a valued service of the community;

Whereas, Solid Waste disposal decisions have a significant impact on sustainability and climate change;

Whereas, The guiding principles for Ann Arbor's solid waste program focus on providing services that are cost-efficient, customer-friendly, and environmentally responsible;

Whereas, Interim operation services are necessary to continue uninterrupted recycling and solid waste services the citizens of Ann Arbor desire and expect during the process to procure a long-term contractor operator for these key City facilities;

Whereas, City staff issued RFP No. 980 seeking competitive proposals from interested contractors to provide these necessary interim services;

Whereas, City staff has evaluated the three proposals submitted in response to RFP No. 980, interviewed all three proposers and evaluated all three's cost proposals;

Whereas, City staff's evaluation process and recommendations have been presented to the Environmental Commission by the City Administrator titled *Ann Arbor MRF Update and Staff Recommendations for Next Steps*; and,

Whereas, The Environmental Commission has reviewed this memo and other requested information;

Whereas, loose loading is the universally accepted best practice for recycling;

Resolved, the Environmental Commission recommends that the Ann Arbor City Council direct the City Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract with Recycle Ann Arbor for loose loading recyclable materials at a price competitive with other offers received.