



Item Number: 8

# CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AGENDA ACTION REQUEST

**DATE:** July 16, 2024

**TO:** Mark Washington, City Manager

**COMMITTEE:** Fiscal Committee

**LIAISON:** Molly Clarin, Chief Financial Officer

**FROM:** James Ouzts, Manager  
Environmental Services Department

**SUBJECT:** **Resolution approving an agreement with Weaver and Tidewell, L.L.P. to provide technical support and regulatory compliance for Renewable Identification Numbers (RINS) as required by the EPA Biogas Regulatory Reform and Renewable Fuel Standards for a total annual not to exceed amount of \$150,000**

The Environmental Services Department (ESD) is requesting to enter into an agreement with Weaver and Tidewell, L.L.P for technical support and regulatory compliance for Renewable Identification Numbers (RINS) as required by the EPA Biogas Regulatory Reform and Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).

The EPA recently revised the regulations surrounding the RINS system and Biogas production. Previously, support for regulatory compliance was performed by DTE as part of the service agreement including the transportation and sale of Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) produced by the biodigesters at the Water Resource Recovery Facility. As a result of the new regulations, they will no longer be performing this role for the City effective January 1, 2025, and ESD lacks the regulatory expertise to manage the new requirements in house.

This agreement will provide for:

1. General energy compliance consulting services
2. Energy compliance regulatory training
3. Part 80 and Part 1090 Company and Facility Registration
4. Quarterly and Annual RFS Reporting
5. EPA Moderated Transaction System (ETMS) Account Administration

Total costs are estimated at approximately \$150,000 a year, which would represent a cost reduction from current service agreement fees with DTE. The proposed agreement is for a one-year period with two one-year renewals.

Please place this agenda item on the July 16, 2024, Fiscal Committee for consideration.  
Thank you.

Your FISCAL COMMITTEE recommends the adoption of the following resolution approving an agreement with Weaver and Tidewell, L.L.P. to provide technical support and regulatory compliance for Renewable Identification Numbers (RINS) as required by the EPA Biogas Regulatory Reform and Renewable Fuel Standards.

RESOLVED:

1. That the City Commission authorizes a contractual agreement with Weaver and Tidewell L.L.P. for an annual not to exceed amount of \$150,000 to provide technical support and regulatory compliance for Renewable Identification Numbers (RINS) as required by the EPA Biogas Regulatory Reform and Renewable Fuel Standards; and
2. That the period of performance is for one-year from date of execution with two one-year renewals; and
3. That the Mayor is authorized to execute said Contract(s) upon approval as to form by the City Attorney; and
4. That the Comptroller is authorized and directed to pay invoices pursuant to the terms of said Contract(s).

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