REPORT TO THE BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN

DATE: November 23, 2026

FROM: Josh Russell, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Contract Renewal for Mulching and Leaf Removal Services

INTRODUCTION:
The purpose of this agenda item is to renew the contract with Marek, LLC DBA Nature's Earth of Memphis for Mulching and Leaf Removal Services.

BACKGROUND:
The Sanitation Division collects approximately 42,000 cubic yards of mulch-able material on an annual basis. This material includes yard waste collected on regularly scheduled collection routes and debris collected during storm events. Utilization of Mulching Services ensures compliance with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's (TDEC) mandated 25% diversion of total solid waste from Class 1 Landfills.

DISCUSSION:
On October 28, 2024, the Mayor and Board of Alderman approved a contract with Marek, LLC DBA Nature's Earth of Memphis for Mulching and Leaf Removal Services. The original term of the contract was twelve (12) months with an option to renew for four (4) additional twelve (12) month periods. This is the second renewal of the contract.

Based on the services provided during the previous twelve (12) months of the contract, Public Works staff is recommending the contract be renewed for an additional twelve (12) month period. A copy of the renewal has been attached for reference. There is no increase with this renewal.

BUDGET IMPACT:
FY 2027

Fund	Dept.	Obj. Code	Description	Approved Line Item Budget	Previous Expenses	Proposed Expense	Balance	Budget Impact
125	43200	299-01	Mulching Services	$242,436.00	$93,555.00	$148,881.00	$0.00	N/A

ATTACHMENTS:
Natures Earth Renewal.pdf

PROPOSED MOTION:
To renew the contract for Mulching and Leaf Removal Services with Marek, LLC DBA Nature's Earth of Memphis at the original bid prices for an additional twelve (12) month period.

Board Action: Motion By_____ Seconded By_____

Vote Total	Hall	Jordan	Robbins	Marshall	Stamps	Fraser
Yes						
No						
Abstain						