THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: October 24, 2023

Subject: Water Resources Agreement with Waste Reduction Partners

Staff Resource(s): David Melton, Director Water Resources and Elise Ayers, Water Revenue Manager

Action Requested: Adoption of a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement for $15,000 with the non-profit Waste Reduction Partners, which is administered by the Land of Sky Regional Council for the purpose of promoting conservation and sustainability of vital water resources.

Background:

- As part of the Water Resources Department effort to promote conservation and sustainability of vital water resources, the department offers no-cost water efficiency assessments for commercial, industrial and institutional customers.

- The objective for these water assessments is to help larger customers reduce water use where efficiencies can be improved, control costs and promote an efficient water use ethic for long term resource stewardship.

- For Fiscal Year 2023-24, the Waste Reduction Partners of the Land of Sky Regional Council plans to conduct four to eight water efficiency assessments for commercial, industrial, and/or institutional water customers under a contract agreement of $15,000 with the City of Asheville Water Resources Department.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- N/A - The non-profit Waste Reduction Partners, which is administered by the Land of Sky Regional Council and is a partnership program of the NC Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service; and Land of Sky Regional Council, is a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina.

Council Goal(s):

- Improve/Expand Core Services; Neighborhood & Climate Resilience

Committee(s):

- N/A

Pro(s):

- The program is a customer service benefit sponsored by the City of Asheville's Water Resource Department to promote sound and efficient utilization of the city's water resources.

Con(s):

- N/A

Fiscal Impact:

- Funding for this agreement is available in the Water Resources Department operating budget.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement for $15,000 with Waste Reduction Partners, which is administered by the Land of Sky Regional Council for the purpose of promoting conservation and sustainability of vital water resources.

Attachment(s):

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 23-____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH WASTE REDUCTION PARTNERS, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE LAND OF SKY REGIONAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 160A-312, the City of Asheville has authority to operate a public enterprise; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 160A-461, the City of Asheville may enter into contracts with other units of local government to engage in a joint exercise with those units of local government or to contractually exercise any power, function, public enterprise, right, privilege, or immunity of local government; and

WHEREAS, the Land of Sky Regional Council, which administers Waste Reduction Partners, is a unit of local government; and

WHEREAS, the Water Resources Department has an opportunity to partner with Waste Reduction Partners to promote an efficient water use ethic for long term resource stewardship and thus fulfill an approved purpose for entering into a contract with another unit of local government pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 160A-461;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The City Manager, on behalf of the City of Asheville, is hereby authorized to execute an Agreement with Waste Reduction Partners, which is administered by the Land of Sky Regional Council and is a partnership program of the NC Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service, lasting until June 30, 2024, the end of fiscal year 2024, for an amount not-to-exceed $15,000.

Read, approved and adopted this the 24th day of October, 2023.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney