WORK SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, TO BE HELD MAY 9, 2017, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING A SPECIAL MEETING, AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS BUILDING, 826 NORTH MAIN STREET, COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

I.   CALL TO ORDER

II.   ROLL CALL

III.   ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF:

   Comments regarding items listed on the agenda are limited to a 5 minute time period per speaker.

   1. OPERATION OF THE WASTE TRANSFER STATION.

IV.   ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03.(A) the Council may vote to go into executive session on any agenda item pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03.(A)(3) Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body.

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City of Cottonwood, Arizona
City Council Agenda Communication

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Meeting Date:	May 9, 2017
Subject:	Transfer Station Discussion
Department:	Development Services
From:	Morgan Scott, Development Services Manager

REQUESTED ACTION
Direction to staff regarding the operation of the transfer station, particularly related to the disposition of green waste.

SUGGESTED MOTION
If the Council desires to approve this item the suggested motion is:
Direction only.

BACKGROUND
As the Council knows, the City has been operating the transfer station since March 1, 2012. The City assumed operations of the transfer station as Waste Management was not interested in renewing the contract to run the station and the City desired to increase the hours of operation from 32 to 48 hours/week for the convenience of the public. Staff would like direction from Council regarding the current operations of the transfer station and the future direction of the transfer station. Some of the discussion items include:

1) The disposal of green waste such as wood, brush and yard trimmings
2) Future operation of the transfer station

One of the leading causes of the increasing losses at the transfer station is the increase in the cost to dispose of brush. Many citizens at Cottonwood Ranch have been complaining about the smoke caused by the burning of the brush (see attached pictures). At a meeting on October 13, 2015 Council considered how to dispose of brush and due to the large cost of land filling the brush the Council chose to burn the brush with a smokeless operation. Quotes were gathered for contractors to provide burning with equipment that would provide smokeless operations. However, due to several factors such as faulty equipment and hurried operations the operation was not smokeless. The contractor even began open air burning at one time. This contractor was the only contractor to provide a quote, which limits the option to go with the 2nd lowest quote.

Possible solutions:
1) Purchase of Air Curtain (~$200,000)
2) Chip the Brush ~$10,000/year (still no disposal method)
3) No longer accept brush and direct customers to take brush to the Camp Verde transfer station ($0)
4) Landfill the brush (~$65,000)
5) Consider alternatives to operating the transfer station
   - Contract for a private company to run station
   - Enter into a non-compete agreement for another company to open a transfer station elsewhere.
   - Move the entire transfer station or just the brush collection operation

*These amounts will vary depending on the amount of brush brought in. The amounts shown are estimates based on past years.

JUSTIFICATION/BENEFITS/ISSUES
-Neighbors are very concerned about burning the brush
-The cost of brush disposal continues to increase

COST/FUNDING SOURCE
General Fund

ATTACHMENTS:

File Name	Description	Type
Graphs_of_cost_to_dispose_of_brush__4-28-17.pdf	Cost Comparison of Brush Disposal	Cover Memo
Pictures_of_burning.docx	pictures	Cover Memo

COST OF BRUSH DISPOSAL METHODS (5 years)

Legend:
- Burning with Fire Department
- Burning with PW employees only
- Purchasing Air Curtain
- Yavapai County Brush Chipper
- Haul to Land fill

COST ($): $0.00 – $350,000.00

YEARS: 0 – 5

Data point labels:
- 325725
- 260580
- 250000
- 195455
- 206000
- 162000
- 135725
- 125830
- 130290
- 118000
- 110085
- 108580
- 105725
- 101121
- 91415
- 84580
- 85000
- 89580
- 88000
- 85000
- 74000
- 63435
- 66000
- 69145
- 58280
- 42290
- 50000
- 35420
- 27145
- 31160
- 17000
- 7088
- 21251
- 28590
- 14108
- 30000

COST OF BRUSH DISPOSAL METHODS (20 years)

Legend:
- Burning with Fire Department
- Burning with PW employees only
- Purchasing Air Curtain
- Yavapai County Brush Chipper
- Purchasing a new chipper
- Renting an Air Curtain
- Haul to Land fill

COST ($): $0.00 – $1,400,000.00

YEARS: 2 – 20

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