



Agenda Report

To: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** July 30, 2001
FROM: CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: Purchase of One Sixty-Five Foot Aerial Bucket Truck

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the Purchasing Administrator to issue a purchase order contract to Truck Hydraulic Equipment Co., Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$167,040.

BACKGROUND:

The Water and Power Department needs to replace an aerial bucket truck. On December 11, 2000, as a result of a competitive bid process the City Council awarded a contract to Truck Hydraulic Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$167,039.49. The Water and Power Department would like to purchase an additional vehicle that is identical to the one that was purchased on the previous contract. The Bid Specifications, §3.1- Bid Proposal Quantities, allows the City to order more vehicles at the unit price indicated in the bid at the City's discretion. Truck Hydraulic Equipment has agreed to extend this purchase price to the City to purchase the additional vehicle. The Water and Power Department wishes to exercise this option. Exercising this option at this time will allow the City to purchase the vehicle minus the price increases that are scheduled to be instituted by the chassis manufacturer next month.

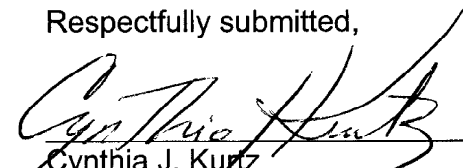
The Water and Power Department, Power Delivery Business Unit in particular, has a ten-year financial plan that delineates operational and maintenance expenses. Expenses, such as, replacement of vehicles, especially those of a high dollar amount, are phased in as budgetary and operational needs are assessed and determined by the Department. Vehicles are periodically evaluated to establish their potential usefulness and overall operational fitness. After assessing the power delivery fleet needs along with other budget priorities, the Department has determined that an additional aerial bucket truck needs to be replaced. The vehicle to be replaced is approximately fifteen years in age and is no longer economical to maintain. The normal replacement schedule for this vehicle is ten years. The vehicle replacement condition report is attached.

Aerial bucket trucks are integral to overhead power line crew activities. The overhead power line crews are self-contained work groups that use the aerial trucks to service overhead power facilities. The aerial bucket truck to be purchased is adequately suited to function as a transport vehicle that can operate, in a traditional sense, under various working conditions. The truck is of a size that when the outriggers are in the down position it allows work on city streets with a minimum impact on traffic flow. This vehicle also functions as a material handling platform and mini warehouse. The features of this vehicle provide for rapid deployment in emergencies along with extended deployment capabilities.

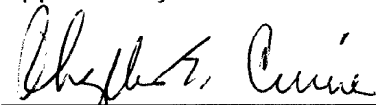
FISCAL IMPACT

This equipment is a budgeted replacement and was identified on the FY2002 Power Delivery Business Unit Operating Budget in account 8505-407-843210-0392.

Respectfully submitted,


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Approved by:

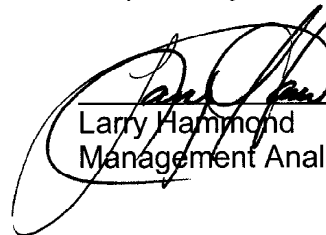

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Attachment

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