

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: June 16, 2008

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF ONE HAAKER EQUIPMENT CO. VACTOR COMBINATION SEWER TRUCK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$398,997

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Authorize the issuance of a purchase order to Haaker Equipment Co. in an amount not to exceed \$398,997 for the purchase of one new Vactor Combination Sewer Truck; and
- 2) Grant an exemption from competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter section 1002(H), contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors for labor, material, supplies or services.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Public Works presently uses sewer trucks in its Street Maintenance and Integrated Waste Management Division (SMIWM) and this purchase will add one combination sewer truck to the Street Maintenance Section. This type of sewer truck is the industry standard for vehicles utilized to clean and maintain sewer and storm drain systems.

These vehicles are a critical asset used to help keep the City in compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). Flushing the City's collection system on a regular basis minimizes the possibility of a sanitary sewer overflow. Also, a regular pipe cleaning maintenance program is essential to the Best Management Practices of the NPDES program. Noncompliance can result in fines up to \$25,000 per day levied by the Environmental Protection Agency.

In February 2008, the City Council approved an amendment to the operating budget of the Department of Public Works, SMIWM Division, to add one combination sewer truck.

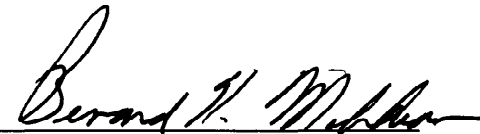
In January of 2007, the City of Ontario, California, undertook a competitive bidding process for the purchase of one 2007 combination sewer truck. As a result of the bid process, a contract was awarded to Haaker Equipment Co. Haaker Equipment Co. has offered to extend this bid price to the City of Pasadena. By taking advantage of this opportunity the City will realize cost savings of approximately \$8,200 based on vehicle pricing as of January 2008.

Purchasing the requested sewer truck from Haaker Equipment is in the City's best interest for three reasons. First, the sewer truck purchased by the City of Ontario is the same configuration as the trucks currently in service by the City. Second, continuing to purchase units with the same configuration will ensure reduced repair costs and vehicle downtime due to standardization and mechanic and operator familiarity with the equipment. Lastly, the sewer truck the City is purchasing is powered by Compressed Natural Gas (CNG). This complies with all South Coast Air Quality Management District rules and regulations for heavy-duty vehicle engine emissions and clean air standards in the South Coast basin.

FISCAL IMPACT:

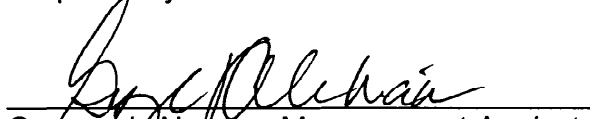
Sufficient funds for the purchase of the combination sewer truck are available in the Street Maintenance and Integrated Waste Management Division's operating budget (account 8505-204-764320).

Respectfully submitted,

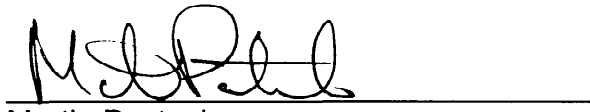


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