

Agenda Report

To: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** August 7, 2000
FROM: CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT
WITH MARDEN SUSCO, INC. FOR FIRE HYDRANTS

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the Purchasing Administrator to issue a purchase order contract to Marden Susco, Inc. in the amount of \$40,000 for the purchase of fire hydrants. The contract is for a one-year period with two optional one-year extensions, without further City Council review. The proposed purchase order contract is exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter section 1002 [H], contracts with other government entities or their contractors.

It is further recommended that the City Council grant this purchase order an exemption from the competitive selection process of the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinances pursuant to section 4.09.060 [C], contracts for which the City's best interest are served.

BACKGROUND

Each year, the City needs to replace between eighty and one hundred fire hydrants due to normal wear and tear and damage. Since 1996, the cities of Pasadena, Glendale and Burbank have pooled their purchasing power in order to achieve economies of scale when purchasing fire hydrants. The tri-city purchasing strategy is also instrumental in ensuring consistency between the three cities by allowing each city's fire department to connect to the other's hydrants during a cooperative emergency event.

On May 10, 2000, a new tri-city bid was initiated with the City of Glendale taking primary responsibility for coordinating the bid process. The bid required bidders to submit pricing for fire hydrants at an estimated cumulative annual usage between 200-300 hydrants for all three cities. The vendor is also required to paint the hydrants and provide trade-in credit on used fire hydrants.

The bid process resulted in a total of five bidders with Marden Susco, Inc. being the lowest responsive bidder. The bid results are as follows. Prices listed per hydrant:

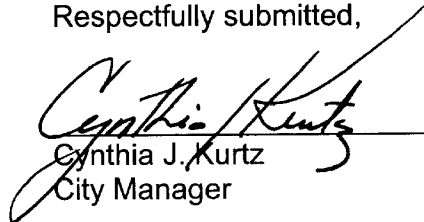
Marden Susco, Inc.	\$399.24
Ferguson Enterprises	\$402.00
U.S. Filter Distribution Group	\$411.00
Valley Cities Supply Co.	\$430.18
Wells Supply Co.	\$434.09

Based on these bids, it is recommended that the City Council authorize the issuance of a purchase order contract to Marden Susco, Inc. for a one-year period. The contract may be extended for a period of up to two additional one-year periods, with the approval of the City Manager and without further City Council approval.

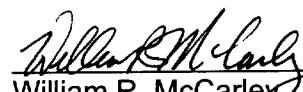
FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for the purchase of replacement fire hydrants are provided for in Water and Power Department's water construction account #402-88300.

Respectfully submitted,


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