



Agenda Report

July 19, 2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Department of Public Works
SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH LOS ANGELES TRUCK CENTERS, LLC DBA VELOCITY VEHICLE GROUP FOR PURCHASE OF EIGHT RENEWABLE COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS AUTOMATED SIDE-LOADING REFUSE PACKERS FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$3,170,903

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that this action is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3), the General Rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;
2. Authorize the issuance of a purchase order contract to Lost Angeles Truck Centers, LLC dba Velocity Vehicle Group for the purchase of eight renewable Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) automated side loading refuse packers for a total of \$3,170,903. Competitive Bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(H) contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors for labor, materials, supplies or services; and
3. It is further recommended that the City Council grant the proposed contract an exemption from the Competitive Selection process pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.049(B) contracts for which the City's best interests are served.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Public Works, Resource Recovery & Recycling Division (RRR) uses renewable CNG automated side loading refuse packers to collect residential mixed, yard waste and recyclable materials from more than 25,000 residential customers on a weekly basis. Eight renewable CNG automated side loading refuse packers are in need of replacement. The vehicles being replaced are ten years old and have reached the end of their useful life. Upon delivery of the replacement refuse vehicles, these vehicles will be sent to auction per City policy. The estimated total salvage value of \$48,000 will

be returned to the Refuse Collection Fund. Attachment A contains the vehicle condition report.

On June 21, 2010, the City Council adopted the 2010 Integrated Waste Management Operations Plan which outlines six goals to be achieved to ensure the City provides quality, cost-effective, and innovative services. Goal one calls for the City to provide effective vehicular assets through the management of repairs and timely vehicle replacements with alternative-fuel vehicles to ensure the availability of service to residents. In accordance with the Operations Plan, staff recommends replacement of eight vehicles that have met their useful life of ten years and have incurred high maintenance costs.

The replacement vehicles will be powered by compressed natural gas in compliance with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Fleet Rule 1193 and with California Air Resource Board rules. These purchases will also help the City maintain an effective ultra-low emission and cost-efficient fleet essential for successful and timely delivery of waste collection services. As of now, there is no proven battery electric automated side loading refuse packer in the market that will meet the department needs and high volume daily workload.

The proposed purchase is for eight Crane Carrier Company LET2-40 standard cab vehicles. Each of the vehicles will be equipped with the Heil Rapid Rail 26 Cubic Yard Automated Side Loader and include body decal stripping and flooring expenses. The purchase of these trucks will ensure continued waste management efficiency of refuse, recycling, and composting.

Sourcwell, formerly known as the National Joint Powers Alliance, is a national municipal contracting agency which establishes and provides nationally leveraged and competitively solicited purchasing contracts that can be utilized by member agencies such as the City of Pasadena.

In September 2019, Sourcwell issued a Request for Proposals for Mobile Refuse Collection Vehicles with Related Equipment, Accessories, and Services. Nine submissions were received and evaluated by the Sourcwell selection committee. Submissions were scored on a weighted scale of eight different criteria, with pricing being the most heavily weighted. The process undergone by Sourcwell has resulted in competitive pricing. The Heil Environmental Company was awarded the contract through November 15, 2023. Bodyworks Equipment has agreed to provide the Heil Rapid Rail 26 Cubic Yard Automated Side Loader at the Heil Environmental rate under the Sourcwell Contract.

In June 2020, Sourcwell issued a Request for Proposals for Class 4-8 Chassis with Related Equipment, Accessories, and Services. Twenty-five submissions were received and evaluated by the Sourcwell selection committee. Submissions were scored on a weighted scale of eight different criteria, with pricing being the most heavily weighted.

The process undergone by Sourcewell has resulted in competitive pricing. The Crane Carrier Company was awarded the contract through August 1, 2024.

Los Angeles Truck Centers, LLC dba Velocity Vehicle Group, headquartered in California, has agreed to configure eight waste management trucks consisting of a standard cab and side loader purchased from approved Sourcewell vendors, Heil Environmental and Crane Carrier Company. Los Angeles Truck Centers, LLC dba Velocity Vehicle Group has also agreed to uphold the rates for each vendor under their respective contracts with Sourcewell. The City of Pasadena has issued various purchase order contracts with Los Angeles Truck Centers, LLC since Fiscal Year 2016 totaling \$7,664,672 cumulatively.

Competitive bidding is not required per City Charter Section 1002(H) contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors. It is in the best interest of the City to purchase the requested vehicles with Los Angeles Truck Centers, LLC dba Velocity Vehicle Group, utilizing the Sourcewell contract rates as it eliminates the need to solicit for items that are already competitively priced. Staff is not aware of any vendors in Pasadena that provide comparable equipment.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

By providing the Public Works Department with the proper equipment to perform its function and assure the safe movement of motorists and pedestrians, the proposed purchase furthers the City Council's Strategic Plan goals to ensure public safety, increase conservation and sustainability, and maintain fiscal responsibility and stability.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

This action is exempt under the CEQA in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3), the General Rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment. This purchase complies with all South Coast Air Quality Management District rules and regulations for engine emissions and clean air standards in the South Coast basin.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost of this action is \$3,170,903 (\$396,362 per unit). Funding will be addressed by the utilization of existing budgeted appropriations from the Residential Solid Waste Operation Fund (budget account 40622083-850500). Indirect and support costs such as maintenance and repair will be addressed annually by utilization of existing budgeted appropriations in the Residential Solid Waste Operation budget account 40622083-861600. There is no anticipated impact to other operational programs or capital projects as a result of this action.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment A – Vehicle Mileage and Maintenance Costs