

# Agenda Report

September 27, 2021

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Department of Public Works  
**SUBJECT:** **AUTHORIZE PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH HAAKER EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO VACTOR RAMJET JET RODDER SEWER TRUCKS FOR A TOTAL OF \$700,269**

## **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; and
2. Authorize the issuance of a purchase order contract with Haaker Equipment Company (Haaker) for the purchase of two Vactor Ramjet Jet Rodder Sewer Trucks for an amount not to exceed \$700,269. Neither Competitive Bidding nor Competitive Selection are required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(H) and Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.049(A)(3), contracts with other governmental entities.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Department of Public Works, Building Systems and Fleet Management Division (BSFMD) is tasked with providing vehicle replacement for various City departments based on a scoring system including factors such as the vehicle's age, mileage, condition, usage, maintenance and repair history. As part of the approved FY2022 operating budget, a 3-Year Fleet Replacement Plan is being implemented to comprehensively address the City's aging fleet. This three-year plan prioritizes the City's vehicle replacement needs in support of each department's operations, ensuring safe modes of transportation and vehicle equipment for staff to perform their duties and services, decreasing fleet maintenance and repair costs, and simultaneously allowing a consolidated effort to group similar vehicle types for economies of scale and efficient purchasing process.

As part of year one of the approved 3-Year Fleet Replacement Plan, two sewer jetter trucks currently assigned to the Public Works Department have been identified for replacement, (Vehicle #1979 and #3026). The City requires sewer jetter trucks that are

durable, efficient and reliable. Moreover, these trucks must be able to navigate all areas of the City, including hilly terrain and narrow or tightly curved streets. To ensure that the replacement vehicles meet the unique needs of the City, the Public Works Department performed field tests of several different models. During this testing process, staff test-drove sewer trucks from various manufacturers and used them to perform routine sewer line maintenance tasks. The Vactor model outperformed all other jetter trucks in maneuverability on varying street surface grades, lane width, and road curvatures; as such, field operational staff rated the Vactor model as the top performing truck overall.

This proposed purchase is for a Vactor jetter sewer truck model equipped with a stainless steel tank, which comes with a ten-year warranty and will provide the department with a reliable equipment, see Attachment A. This equipment is currently utilized daily for fulfillment of departmental obligations for sewer line maintenance and services.

Considerations and research for zero emission alternatives to replace these sewer trucks have been conducted. At this time there are no available or feasible alternatives, including electric or hybrid models, currently on the market that will meet department needs and specific vehicle duties there-in associated. There are also no vendors located in Pasadena that provide this equipment.

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 December 2017, Sourcwell issued a Request for Proposals for Sewer Vacuum, Hydro-Excavation, and Street Sweeper Equipment, with Related Accessories and Supplies. Twenty eight 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. Federal Signal, the parent holding company of Vactor Manufacturing, Inc. was awarded a contract through February 2022.

Haaker is the authorized dealer of Vactor Manufacturing, Inc. and is responsible for the sales and service in the Southern California region. They have agreed to extend the contract prices, terms, and conditions under Sourcwell contract 122017-FSC-1 to the City for the proposed purchase of two Vactor Ramjet Jet Rodders sewer trucks. These trucks will be delivered within 300 days of receipt of purchase order.

Haaker is located in La Verne, CA. The City has done business with Haaker in the past, including aggregate expenditures of approximately \$1.28 million since Fiscal Year 2016. It is in the best interest of the City to open a purchase order with Haaker utilizing the Sourcwell contract as it eliminates the need to solicit for items that are already competitively priced and expedites the time required to take delivery of new equipment.

**COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

By providing the City Departments with the proper equipment to perform their function, the proposed purchase furthers the City Council's Strategic Plan goals to ensure public safety and increase conservation and sustainability.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:**

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:**

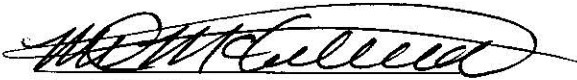
The cost of this action is \$700,269. Funding for this action will be addressed by the utilization of existing budgeted appropriations in the Fleet Replacement Fund, budget account 50322060-850500. Indirect and support costs such as maintenance and repair are anticipated to be \$330,000 over the lifecycle of the trucks and will be addressed annually by utilizing existing budget appropriations in the operating budget account 20522026-861600.

Respectfully submitted,



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