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Dear Mayor and City Council,

I appreciate that City Staff checked for historical and current Versaterm contracts with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in alignment with the City's 2026 resolution regarding ICE and immigration enforcement and provided the information as part of their report.

Seeing yet another high value "without competitive bidding" contract on the consent agenda motivated me to look at the number of other no-bid contracts approved by Council in recent months. The City has approved over \$18 million "without competitive bidding contracts" since just October 2025. All but one of those contracts exceeded \$1.4 million, and four of the contracts exceeded \$3 million. Nearly \$13 million was for contracts connected to PPD and DoIT. I urge Council to take steps to reign in the number of high value, "without competitive bidding" contracts, especially as there are so many community wants and needs (such as a year round shelter or fixing sidewalks) that go unmet because of lack of funds. Some no-bid contracts may be justified, but Council should discourage no-bid contracts where they're not clearly justified and also ensure that justifications actually have merit. **We are almost certainly missing opportunities to save money through competitive bidding and, as a result, don't have funds to cover other community needs.**

Details

10/6/2025 Vital Medical Services, \$1,607,250 (PPD)
11/24/2025 Illumination Foundation \$4,498,269
12/15/2025 Motorola, \$1,489,315 (DoIT for PPD)
1/26/2026 Impex, \$3,002,718 (DoIT)
1/26/2026 Origami Risk, \$591,760 (City Mgr)
5/18/2026 Stantec, \$316,800 (Public Works)
6/08/2026 (on agenda) Versaterm, \$3,120,158 (PPD)
6/08/2026 (on agenda) Motorola, \$43,530,000 (DoIT for PPD)
TOTAL \$18,156,270*

(*There are probably more; I only checked for contracts that included "without competitive bidding" in the description in the agenda.)

Regards,
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