



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Public Works Department

City Council Regular Meeting Date: February 7, 2023

To: City Council
From: Interim Public Works Director David Schmitt
Deputy Public Works Director Scott Krawczuk
Date: January 23, 2023

SUBJECT: Utility Vacuum Truck Purchase

BACKGROUND: The Utility Division of Public Works has two vacuum trucks (a 2008 model with a 4,000-gallon tank capacity and a 2004 model with a 3,000-gallon capacity). When lift station pumps fail, these trucks are used to pump down the stations to prevent wastewater from overflowing onto the ground, thus protecting the public health as well as the environment. If a spill does occur, these trucks are utilized to remove the spillage. In addition, the trucks are used to pump down lift stations for pump repairs and replacements and are utilized to remove sediment from wet wells and manholes that can damage pumps. A ten-year replacement schedule is utilized for the vacuum trucks, so the 2004 model is overdue for replacement and has a history of pump and frame corrosion issues.

Due to the long lead time required to receive this equipment and the critical need for Hurricane Ian recovery efforts and related repairs, the City Manager authorized the purchase as emergency through Environmental Products Group, Inc. utilizing the Sourcewell Contract 101221. City Staff and City Manager discussed this emergency authorization with City Council Members at the November 1, 2022 meeting. Utilities staff is currently renting a similar vacuum truck to perform these types of services in the amount of \$12,000 per month due to mechanical issues with the City owned vacuum trucks.

FUNDING SOURCE: Funding in the amount of \$475,000 is available in the adopted FY2023 Sewer System Capital budget for this purchase.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Because of Hurricane Ian recovery efforts and urgent need for this equipment, staff recommends that Council ratify the City Manager's emergency purchase authorization in the amount of \$473,151.05 through Environmental Products Group, Inc. utilizing the Sourcewell Contract 101221.

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