

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement with Owen Equipment Company for the purchase of one new Vactor Manufacturing Hydro Excavator truck, in the amount to not exceed \$731,776.45, plus applicable taxes.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**ACTION**

This Resolution authorizes execution of an agreement with Owen Equipment Company for the purchase of one new Vactor Manufacturing Hydro Excavator truck planned for replacement in 2028.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10658

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Bellevue's Wastewater Division is responsible for maintenance and repairs of the city's wastewater system, including the main sewer lines and service connections within the city's right of way and dedicated easements. Bellevue's wastewater service area covers over 37 square miles, including Beaux Arts. Bellevue's wastewater system serves over 37,000 customers and includes: 13,000+ maintenance holes, 520 miles of mainline pipes, 46 pump and flush stations, 34 major connections to the King County wastewater system, and 19 miles of lake lines.

The city's current Hydro Excavator truck is nearing the end of its useful life and is planned for replacement in 2028. This truck is essential for keeping the wastewater collection system reliable and protecting public health and infrastructure. It cleans sewer lines, manholes, and other wastewater components by using high-pressure water and a powerful vacuum to remove grease, debris, sediment, and blockages. By doing this, it helps prevent sewer backups, overflows, service interruptions, and costly damage to both public and private property. This truck can also safely dig through soil using high-pressure water to reach buried utilities and infrastructure. This method reduces the risk of damaging pipes and other underground assets compared to traditional digging equipment.

Maintaining this capability supports a reliable wastewater system overall, helping protect local waterways and the environment by reducing the chance of untreated wastewater entering streams and lakes.

This purchase will utilize an interlocal agreement between the City of Bellevue and Sourcewell that has a contract in place to purchase Vactor Manufacturing equipment through its authorized distributors, including from the Owen Equipment Company. The city has benefited from this cooperative purchasing agreement for many years as it is a large consortium of public agencies and consequently obtains very competitive pricing.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

Bellevue City Code

- BCC 4.28 provides for the fair and equitable treatment of all persons involved in the purchasing process. Council approval is required to award the bid where the cost exceeds \$350,000.
- BCC 4.28.150 authorizes the Director of Finance and Asset Management to join cooperative purchase agreements with other public agencies, cooperatives or consortiums when it would be in the best interest of the city.

Bellevue Comprehensive Plan

- UT-31. Provide a reliable wastewater disposal system that ensures public health and safety, and protects the environment.
- UT-32. Require wastewater connections for all new development, including single family plats, unless otherwise allowed by state or county regulations
- UT-33. Allow existing single family homes with septic systems to continue to use septic systems, provided they remain in compliance with Seattle-King County Public Health requirements. Homeowners are encouraged to connect to wastewater systems where available. If existing septic systems fail to maintain compliance with Seattle-King County Public Health standards and cannot be brought into compliance, homeowners should be required to connect to the wastewater system

Fiscal Impact

This agreement authorizes staff to obligate the city to pay \$731,776.45 plus applicable taxes, for the purchase of one new Hydro Excavator truck for delivery in early 2028.

The source funding for the purchase is the Utilities Asset Replacement Account (ARA). This expenditure will be proposed as part of the 2027-2028 budget process and was included in prior budgets as a planned future replacement. Sufficient funding exists in the ARA for the purchase. Funds received from the surplus sale of the equipment being replaced will be receipted into the ARA for future replacement needs.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement with Owen Equipment Company for the purchase of one new Vactor Manufacturing Hydro Excavator truck, in the amount to not exceed \$731,776.45, plus applicable taxes.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 10658

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

Purchase agreement documents between City of Bellevue and Owen Equipment Company.