

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement with Owen Equipment Company for the purchase of one new vacuum-excavator, in the amount to not exceed \$656,387.98, 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 vacuum-excavator planned for replacement in 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10504

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Utilities Department maintains over 600 miles of pressurized water main that supplies over 37,000 homes across Bellevue's service area. This infrastructure is comprised of pipes, reservoirs, pump stations, pressure zones and fire hydrants maintained through regular maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, and replacement.

Approximately five miles of water pipeline are replaced annually through the city's progressive watermain replacement program which helps keep water main breaks below the national average.

The vacuum excavator is a critical piece of machinery needed to perform maintenance and repair of the city's water supply infrastructure. This equipment supports jobsite productivity and efficiency across a wide array of work activities, such as daylighting water mains, trenching, or cleaning up flood water, debris, catch basins, and construction sites.

This purchase will utilize an interlocal agreement between the City of Bellevue and Sourcewell that has a contract in place to purchase 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.

Sustainability

Utilities and Finance & Asset Management are committed to the mission of the Sustainable Bellevue Plan by embracing innovative green technologies where practicable to reduce the City's carbon footprint.

Vacuum excavators of this size require a large amount of horsepower to operate the pump and vacuum equipment. At this time, there is not available battery technology that can sufficiently power an electric alternative, so this piece of equipment will be diesel-fueled. Staff will continue to monitor the industry for future developments.

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

- Capital Facilities Element: CF-9. Coordinate planned capital investments across departments.
- Utilities Element: UT-5. Design, construct, and maintain facilities to minimize their impact on surrounding neighborhoods.
- Utilities Element: UT-28. Provide reliable water service for domestic use, fire flow protection, and emergencies.

Fiscal Impact

This agreement authorizes staff to obligate the City to pay \$656,387.98, plus applicable taxes, for the purchase of one new vacuum-excavator for delivery in 2025.

The source funding for the purchase is the Utilities Asset Replacement Account (ARA). This expenditure was approved in the 2025-2026 budget process and sufficient funding exists in the ARA for the purchase.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement with Owen Equipment Company for the purchase of one new vacuum-excavator, in the amount to not exceed \$656,387.98, plus applicable taxes.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 10504

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

Purchase agreement documents between City of Bellevue and Owen Equipment Company