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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

Resolution No. 8937 authorizing execution of a purchase agreement with Owens Equipment, for the purchase of two Elgin street sweepers for Transportation Department use.

FISCAL IMPACT

This agreement will obligate the City to pay \$655,614.29, including Washington State sales (WSST) and vehicle taxes for the purchase of two 2015 Elgin street sweepers.

The source of funding for this purchase is the Mechanical Equipment Rental Fund (MERF) replacement account. The purchase of the equipment was planned within the 2015-16 Budget and sufficient funds exist in MERF for this purchase. Funds received from selling the surplus trucks will be deposited into the MERF replacement account.

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POLICY CONSIDERATION

Bellevue City Code

- Bellevue City Code Chapter 4.28 – Provides for a fair and transparent purchasing process.
- Purchases in excess of \$90,000 require Council approval.

City Practice

- Vehicles may be purchased utilizing other agencies' cooperative purchase agreements or through a formal bid process conducted by the City.

BACKGROUND

Civic Services Fleet and Communications Division supports service delivery to Bellevue's citizens by providing timely, cost-effective maintenance and asset management services to City departments. Fleet staff identifies and purchases vehicles that meet the operational needs of departments, and also evaluates when to replace vehicles based on life expectancy and maintenance costs.

Gravel, debris, silts, automotive fluids, leaves, and glass in roadway and bicycle lanes contribute to accidents, injuries, street flooding, and pollutant discharge into the drainage system that flows to Bellevue's streams and lakes. Street cleaning (sweeping) cleans bicycle lanes, arterial roadways and neighborhood streets; responds to pick up traffic accident debris; and removes traction sand applied during snow and ice response. This work assists in the prevention of urban

flooding during rain events by removing leaves from the roadway and catch basins. Street sweeping protects fish and animal habitat especially following snow and ice events; it is critical to the health and beauty of Bellevue's natural waterways such as Phantom Lake, Lewis Creek, and Coal Creek. This work is required by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Stormwater Permit issued to the City by the State Department of Ecology.

Equipment Selection

Extensive product evaluations have been performed by a selection committee staffed by representatives of Transportation and Civic Services Departments. The sweeper selection committee identified 50 specific performance criteria, which included: overall configuration, cab and chassis, safety features, fit and finish, maintenance costs, vendor response to warranty issues, and company stability. The sweeper selection team evaluated sweepers manufactured by three different vendors: Schwarse, Tymco and Elgin. Each manufacturer's sweeper was evaluated in the field for one week.

After this extensive evaluation process, it was determined that the 2015 Elgin street sweeper best met the City's performance criteria and operational needs. An additional advantage of purchasing Elgin street sweepers is that they have an approved warranty service center in Kent. Having a relatively close repair facility significantly reduces the amount of time that a front-line vehicle is out of service.

If approved, this purchase agreement would be awarded to Elgin Manufacturing, Inc. with a per-unit cost including taxes of \$322,838.30, plus one additional sweeper head to reduce vehicle downtime during repairs costing \$9,937.69. This purchase will utilize an interlocal agreement between the City and the National Joint Powers Alliance that has a contract in place to purchase from Elgin Manufacturing, Inc. The City has benefitted from this cooperative purchasing arrangement for many years as it is a large consortium of public agencies and consequently obtains very competitive pricing.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If adopted, this Resolution becomes effective immediately.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of a purchase agreement with Owens Equipment, for the purchase of two Elgin street sweepers for Transportation Department use.
2. Do not adopt the resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Option 1.

MOTION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 8937 authorizing execution of a purchase agreement with Owens Equipment, for the purchase of two Elgin street sweepers for Transportation Department use.

ATTACHMENTS

Quote with Vehicle Specifications

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL DOCUMENT LIBRARY

Purchasing Agreement