



TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: September 16, 2014

TITLE: Motion to approve proprietary purchases on an as-needed basis for water distribution, wastewater collection, and stormwater system infrastructures and treatment facilities

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the purchase of proprietary items on an as-needed basis for the water distribution, wastewater collection, and stormwater system infrastructures and treatment facilities.

Background

The Public Works Utilities Division operates two water treatment facilities, one wastewater treatment facility, over 200 sanitary sewer pump stations, and 4 stormwater stations as well as maintains over 1,500 miles of buried infrastructure. Annually, the sections of Distribution and Collection and Water and Wastewater Treatment are responsible for delivering over 14 billion gallons of potable water and collecting over 14 billion gallons of wastewater from approximately 250,000 neighbors. To accomplish this effort, Public Works Utilities relies on a variety of equipment.

The existing equipment is providing reliable service but the around the clock operation in an abrasive and corrosive environment rapidly wears down the equipment. When a piece of equipment is to be replaced, it is less expensive to replace the equipment with an exact match avoiding the cost of re-engineering or reconfiguring the surrounding equipment.

While replacement parts, repairs, and service are often needed throughout the year, individual proprietary purchases may not exceed \$25,000. However, in aggregate, purchases from any one vendor may exceed \$25,000. Exhibit 1 provides a list of each vendor, a description of the material and/or service provided, and the annual expenditure for the past five years. The vendors listed offer the City favored customer pricing which is as good as or better than the pricing offered to other government agencies.

Resource Impact

Purchases are made on an as-needed basis and charged to the individual operating budgets per available funds and in accordance with established pricing.

Funds are available in the Water and Sewer Fund, Regional Wastewater Fund, Stormwater Fund, and the Water and Sewer General Capital Projects Fund.

Strategic Connections:

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included with the Infrastructure Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 2: Be a sustainable and resilient community.
- Objective 1: Proactively maintain our water, wastewater, road and bridge infrastructure.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Ready*.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – List of Proprietary Vendors and Equipment

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