



TO: Honorable Mayor & Members
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, City Manager

DATE: October 2, 2012

TITLE: Motion to approve proprietary purchases on an as-needed basis for water distribution and wastewater collection infrastructure and treatment facilities.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve purchase of proprietary items on an as-needed basis for the water distribution and wastewater collection system infrastructure and treatment facilities contingent upon appropriation and approval of funds.

Background

The Public Works Utilities Bureau operates two water treatment facilities, one wastewater treatment facility, and over 200 sanitary sewer pump stations; and maintains over 1500 miles of buried infrastructure. Annually, the Distribution and Collection Division and the Water and Wastewater Treatment Division are responsible for delivering over 14 billion gallons of potable water and collecting over 13 billion gallons of wastewater from approximately 250,000 neighbors. To accomplish this, the Utilities Bureau relies on a variety of differing equipment.

The existing equipment is providing better than adequate service, but around the clock operations in an abrasive and corrosive environment rapidly wears the equipment. When a piece of equipment is to be replaced it is far less expensive to replace it with an exact match, thus 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 they will exceed \$25,000. There are multiple vendors listed in the exhibit and each offers a different proprietary product. The vendors listed offer the City their most 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.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – List of Proprietary Vendors and Equipment

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