Council Meeting of
August 5, 2008

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: General Services - Authorize Sole-Source Purchase Order to furnish Paccar/Peterbilt brand Repair Parts

Expenditure: $120,000.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council authorize a sole-source purchase order with Rush Truck Center of Pico Rivera, CA, in an amount not to exceed $120,000, to furnish Paccar /Peterbilt brand repair parts on an "as needed" basis. The purchase order is from August 6, 2008 through August 5, 2009.

Funding

Funding for Paccar/Peterbilt brand repair parts is available in the Fleet Services FY 2008-2009 and FY 2009-2010 Operating Budget (Warehouse Inventory Account).

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Fleet Services Warehouse provides repair parts for the City's Refuse Trucks, all of which are designed around Peterbilt truck chassis'. Paccar/Peterbilt operates a large Peterbilt Truck dealership network, with locations throughout California. Rush Truck Center is one of those dealerships. The City of Torrance is located within the region covered by Rush Truck Center. Given the City's requirement for original equipment manufacturer (OEM) parts, Rush Truck Center is a sole-source vendor.

The Torrance Municipal Code, "SECTION 22.3.17. EXCEPTIONS; SOLE-SOURCE PURCHASES" states:

a) The provisions of this Article will not apply to purchases of sole-source services or property, which purchases will be made in accordance with such procedures and regulations as will be established by the City Manager.

b) For purposes of this Section, "sole-source purchases" means those purchases where it would be undesirable or impossible for the City to advertise for bids for particular work or for patented items, or experimental or unique services or products, or where competitive purchases would be unavailable or would not prove advantageous for the City. No sole-source purchases may be made where to do so would show favoritism, improvidence, extravagance, fraud or corruption, or result in the waste of public funds, but may be used only to obtain the best economic result for the public.

Respectfully submitted,

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GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

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Fleet Services Manager

CONCUR:

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Sheryl Ballew
General Services Director

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LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager