

Council Meeting of
September 9, 2008

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

Members of the Council:

**SUBJECT: General Services – Authorize Purchase Order to furnish four (4)
Propane-Fueled Flatbed Dump Trucks**

Ref: Bid # B2008-40

Expenditure: \$369,392.33 (including sales tax and tire fees)

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the General Services Director that the City Council:

- a) Authorize purchase of four (4) 2009 GMC TC7C042 propane-fueled flatbed dump trucks from Reynolds Buick GMC of Covina, California, in the amount of \$369,392.33 including sales tax and tire fees.
- b) Appropriate \$73,900.00 from the General Fund Reserve for Alternative Fuel Vehicles to offset propane vehicle cost premium.

Funding

Funding is available from the Fleet Services Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund and the General Fund Reserve for Alternative Fuel Vehicles.

BACKGROUND

The Public Works Department has a total of eight (8) flatbed dump trucks that require replacement. In accordance with efforts to improve exhaust emissions within the City's fleet the City Manager has concurred that four (4) of these trucks will be purchased in a propane-fueled version, and four (4) in gasoline. A companion item for purchase of the four gasoline-fueled trucks is included with this week's agenda.

The flat bed dump trucks listed below have exceeded their useful life and need to be replaced.

Vehicle #	Year	Make	Model	Mileage	Condition
8961	1985	GMC	7000	70,072	Poor
8990	1992	International	4700	78,865	Poor
8991	1992	International	4700	37,588	Poor
8992	1992	International	4700	31,204	Poor

ANALYSIS

Formal bids were opened on August 21, 2008. Only one responsive bid was received. A second vendor was deemed non-responsive due to late bid submission. Bid results are listed below.

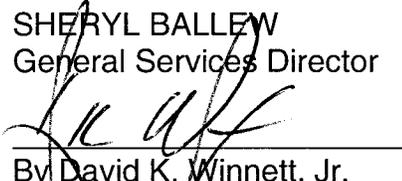
Vendor	Total Bid Price
Reynolds Buick/Pontiac/GMC * Covina, CA	\$369,392.33

* Lowest Responsible Bidder

Staff contacted Martin Chevrolet in Torrance to inquire as to why they did not submit a bid. The Fleet Sales Manager indicated that Martin's franchise agreement with General Motors does not permit them to sell medium and heavy-duty trucks.

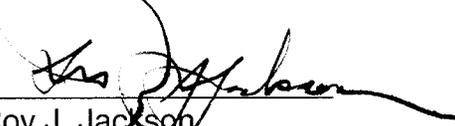
Respectfully submitted,

SHERYL BALLEW
General Services Director


By David K. Winnett, Jr.
Fleet Services Manager

CONCUR:


Sheryl Ballew
General Services Director


LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager