

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 one (1)
Propane-Fueled Chipper Truck**

Ref: Bid # B2008-38

Expenditure: \$108,006.44 (including sales tax and tire fees)

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the General Services Director that the City Council:

- a) Authorize the purchase of one (1) 2009 GMC TC7C042 propane-fueled chipper truck from Reynolds Buick GMC of Covina, California, in the amount of \$108,006.44 including sales tax and tire fees.
- b) Appropriate \$21,600.00 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 chipper truck listed below has exceeded its useful life criteria and needs to be replaced.

Vehicle #	Year	Make	Model	Mileage	Condition
8987	1991	International	4700	49,627	Poor

In accordance with efforts to improve exhaust emissions within the City's fleet the City Manager has concurred that this truck will be purchased in a propane-fueled version.

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.

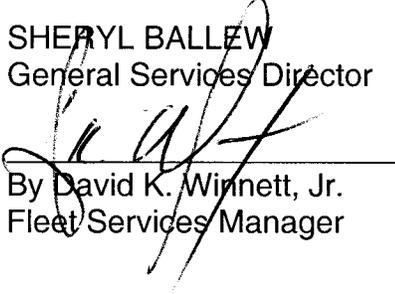
Vendor	Total Bid Price
Reynolds Buick/Pontiac/GMC * Covina, CA	\$108,006.44

* 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