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**STAFF REPORT**

REPORT to the MAYOR and MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL  
From the CITY MANAGER

DATE: May 12, 2020

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Heavy Duty Truck for the Maintenance, Construction and Repair of City Infrastructure

ISSUING DEPT: Public Works

SUMMARY:

Issues:

Should the City Council authorize the appropriation of \$86,000 of unappropriated reserves from Wastewater Fund 207 to account number 4144-6585 for Fiscal Year 2019-20 to purchase and outfit a heavy duty truck without competitive bidding?

Recommendation:

Authorize the appropriation of \$86,000 of unappropriated reserves from Wastewater Fund 207 to account number 4144-6585 for Fiscal Year 2019-20 to purchase and outfit a heavy duty truck without competitive bidding.

Fiscal Impact:

Unappropriated funds are available in Wastewater Fund 207 for appropriation into Wastewater Vehicle Replacement account 4144-6585.

City's Strategic Goals:

- Provide high quality municipal services

### BACKGROUND:

Unit 421 is used in the Wastewater section of Public Works to perform maintenance, construction and repair for wastewater and storm drain infrastructure throughout the City. Purchased in 2009, the truck is 11-years old and recently the engine has developed a catastrophic problem of uncontrolled acceleration to full throttle, a condition referred to as "run-away". Attempts to correct the issue have failed and the truck has been removed from service due to safety concerns. Research now indicates there are several issues inherent with this particular model of engine in addition to "run-away", and the manufacturer stopped producing the engine in 2011.

### DISCUSSION:

Unit 421 is an integral and important asset used in the Wastewater section. Without this asset, the ability to perform maintenance and repair work is significantly impacted. At the moment, crews use equipment assets from other sections further impacting Public Works overall ability.

Options were considered for mitigating the problem with Unit 421, however; due to the age of the vehicle, inherent issues with the existing engine, and expected downtime of the vehicle, staff recommends replacing the truck.

Staff has identified a fleet dealer, Ken Grody Ford (Ken Grody); located in Carlsbad, CA, that has a truck that meets the department's specifications. Local dealers were contacted and none have the truck in the necessary specifications available without ordering from the factory. A new truck could be ordered from the factory and delivery is estimated to be at least 8-12 weeks although this timeline does not consider any impacts due to the current pandemic.

The City's Purchasing Officer may waive competitive bidding if the City Council by resolution, determines that due to special circumstances, it is in the City's best interest to enter into a contract without a formal bidding process, in accordance with La Mesa Municipal Code Section 2.40.070(A)(7).

Considering the facts of this request, the special circumstances are:

- 1) Unit 421 has been removed from service due to its unsafe condition,
- 2) Without this truck, the ability to perform wastewater and storm drain maintenance, construction, repair work and respond to emergencies has been impacted,
- 3) The removal of Unit 421 from service is causing the inefficient sharing of trucks and equipment from other maintenance and repair sections, further impacting Public Works ability to perform routine, planned and emergency work throughout the City,


- 4) A new truck in the necessary specification and bed configuration has been located and could be delivered immediately upon City Council approval, and
- 5) Ordering a new truck from the factory could be at least 8-12 weeks if not longer.

Based on these special circumstances, staff recommends the City purchase a replacement for Unit 421 through Ken Grody without a formal bidding process.


CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends the City Council authorize the appropriation of \$86,000 to purchase and outfit a heavy duty truck and waive competitive bidding.

Reviewed by:

  
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Greg Humora  
City Manager

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Leon Firsh  
Director of Public Works/City Engineer

  
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Cesar J. Romero  
Assistant Director of Public Works

  
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Scott Munzenmaier  
Purchasing Officer

Attachments: A. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA  
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A HEAVY DUTY TRUCK FOR THE  
MAINTENANCE, CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF CITY  
INFRASTRUCTURE

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WHEREAS, the Wastewater section of the Public Works Department currently has a heavy duty truck (Unit 421) that is used for the maintenance, construction and repair of City infrastructure;

WHEREAS, Unit 421 has been removed from service for safety concerns due to inherent engine problems;

WHEREAS, options were considered for mitigating the problem with Unit 421, however; staff recommends replacing the truck;

WHEREAS, staff has identified a fleet dealer, Ken Grody Ford; located in Carlsbad, CA that has a truck that meets the department's specifications;

WHEREAS, local dealers were contacted and none have the truck in the necessary specifications available without ordering from the factory;

WHEREAS, the City's Purchasing Officer may waive competitive bidding if the City Council by resolution determines that, due to special circumstances, it is in the City's best interest to enter into a contract without a formal bidding process, per La Mesa Municipal Code Section 2.40.070(A)(7); and

WHEREAS, staff provided special circumstances that meet the requirements of La Mesa Municipal Code Section 2.40.070(A)(7).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of La Mesa, California, that the City Council authorizes the appropriation of \$86,000 of unappropriated reserves from Wastewater Fund 207 to account number 4144-6585 for Fiscal Year 2019-20 to purchase and outfit a heavy duty truck without competitive bidding from Ken Grody Ford.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of La Mesa, California, held the 12th day of May 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

CERTIFICATE OF CITY CLERK

I, MEGAN WIEGELMAN, City Clerk of the City of La Mesa, California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of Resolution No. 2020-, duly passed and adopted by the City Council of said City on the 12th day of May 2020, and by the vote therein recited.

MEGAN WIEGELMAN, CMC, City Clerk

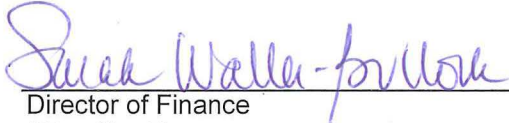
(SEAL OF CITY)

**CERTIFICATE OF CITY/DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

Certification of Unappropriated Reserves

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the money required for the appropriation of funds for the purpose as docketed is available in the Treasury, or is anticipated to come into the Treasury, and is otherwise unappropriated.

Amount \$     \$86,000.00     Fund   207 (Wastewater Fund)    
Purpose   Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Heavy Duty Truck for the Maintenance,  
  Construction, and Repair of City Infrastructure  

  
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Director of Finance  
City of La Mesa

Date   05/06/2020   By:   Leon Firsht  

Unappropriated Reserves Available Balance \$   4,706,715.16 (207-3900)  

Certification of Unencumbered Balance

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the indebtedness and obligation as docketed can be incurred; that sufficient monies to meet the obligations are actually in the Treasury, or are anticipated to come into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation from which the same are to be drawn; and that said monies now actually in the treasury, together with the monies anticipated to come into the Treasury, to the credit of said appropriation are otherwise unencumbered.

Amount Not to Exceed

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Director of Finance  
City of La Mesa

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

Fund: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept./Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_