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AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting July 21, 2026

DATE: July 21, 2026

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Purchase of Stopple Equipment Parts for Gas Department

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing a three-year supply agreement in an amount not to exceed \$546,969.93 with TDW (US), Inc. of Tulsa, Oklahoma, for the purchase of Stopple (pipeline isolation) equipment parts for Gas Operations, with FY 2026 funding in the amount not to exceed \$30,387.22 available in the Gas Fund.

SUMMARY:

This resolution authorizes a three-year supply agreement to purchase stopple equipment parts for CCGAS Operations. These parts are essential for safely isolating sections of the natural gas system during maintenance and repairs when pressure control fittings are not available. The agreement provides CCGAS with the critical components needed to maintain safe, reliable, and compliant gas system operations.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

TDW provides specialized equipment and services that allow pipeline operators to complete maintenance, repairs, and system modifications without shutting down gas service. Their stopple fittings and related tools isolate active pipelines during hot tapping, plugging, maintenance, and emergency work, helping prevent service interruptions and protecting system integrity.

CCGAS relies exclusively on TDW fittings and tools to maintain consistency with existing equipment, staff training, and operational practices. Other manufacturers do not offer components that meet the compatibility, performance, or safety requirements needed for CCGAS operations. Using equipment from multiple suppliers would introduce inconsistencies in installation and maintenance, increase the risk of operational failures, and raise long-term costs due to additional training and specialized

tooling.

This is a sole-source procurement, as TDW is the only distributor of stopple fittings. The fittings are warranted and serviced at their facility.

PROCUREMENT DETAIL:

This procurement falls under the Local Government Codes, Section 252.022 (a)(7)(a), as these items are available from only one source because of patents, copyrights, secret processes, or natural monopolies. There is a second statutory exemption for this procurement under Section 252.022(a)(7)(D) of the Local Government Code, as these items are available from only one source, captive replacement parts or components for equipment.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to enter into a supply agreement and to procure stopple equipment parts on an as-needed basis. This approach would eliminate the cost savings provided by a long-term contract, extend procurement timelines, and delay critical maintenance or emergency repairs. These delays could increase operational risks, lengthen service outages, and impact compliance with safety and reliability requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact for Gas Operations in FY 2026 is not to exceed \$30,387.22 for the purchase of Stopple equipment parts from TDW (US), Inc. of Tulsa, Oklahoma, with the remaining cost funded in future years through the annual budget process.

Funding Detail:

Fund:	4130	Gas
Organization/Activity:	34110	Gas Maintenance and Operations
Department:	11	
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	520160	Pipe, fittings, drainage
Fund:	4130	Gas
Organization/Activity:	34130	Gas Construction
Department:	11	
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	520160	Pipe, fittings, drainage

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this resolution authorizing a three-year supply agreement with TDW (US) Inc., for Stopple equipment parts for the Gas Department, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Price Sheet
Supply Agreement
Resolution