



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of June 8, 2021

DATE: June 8, 2021

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Purchase of One Ditch Witch Vacuum Excavator for Gas Operations

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing the purchase of one Ditch Witch vacuum excavator as an addition to the fleet from DWST Acquisition Company LLC, dba Ditch Witch South Texas of Corpus Christi, Texas in an amount not to exceed \$54,956.68 for Gas Operations effective upon issuance of vehicle acceptance letter with funding available from the FY 2021 Gas Operations Funds.

SUMMARY:

This motion will allow the City to have a HX30 vacuum excavator on hand for Gas Construction and Cathodic Protection Operations to do cleanup jobs and slot trenching around existing utilities.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Gas Operations Department has an operational need to excavate without damaging existing utilities, this equipment is a non-destructive and non-mechanical process that uses high pressurized water and a vacuum system to simultaneously dig and excavate soil much faster than conventional trenching. This will reduce risks for damage to utility lines and property, employee accidents and injuries, and the protect safety of the public and utility infrastructure.

PROCUREMENT DETAIL:

This procurement is through the Sourcewell Cooperative. Contracts awarded through the Sourcewell Cooperative have been competitively procured in compliance with Texas Local and State procurement requirements.

ALTERNATIVES:

An alternative is not to purchase this equipment and continue using the old equipment, and struggle to meet mission requirements due to the increasing age, repairs and increase maintenance requirements. This would result in less construction work and less response to emergency repairs, therefore creating a loss of service to City customers.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact for the Gas Operations is an amount not to exceed \$54,956.68 for the first year, with the remaining cost to be budgeted in future years through the annual budget process.

Funding Detail:

Fund:	4130 Gas Fund
Organization/Activity:	34130 Gas Construction
Mission Element:	022 Maintain the Fleet
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A
Account:	550020 Vehicles & Machinery

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this motion authorizing the purchase of one ditch witch vacuum excavator as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Price Sheet