



**CITY OF LOS ALTOS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 13, 2015**

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item # 4

SUBJECT: Authorize purchase of a Vac-Con Combination Sewer Cleaner in the amount of \$324,113 plus sales tax from Municipal Maintenance Equipment

BACKGROUND

The 2015/17 budget authorizes \$380,000 for replacement of the 2003 sewer flushing vehicle which has completed its useful life and will need extensive upgrades. Additionally, it is necessary to replace this diesel vehicle to meet current emissions requirements.

It has been determined that replacement of the sewer flushing truck with a combination sewer jetter and vacuum unit would be beneficial to effectively manage the City's sewer maintenance program. The combination sewer cleaner is an essential piece of equipment used every day by the sewer crews in the course of their duties. In addition to being used for general cleaning of sewer lines, the truck is the sole type of equipment relied on for the containment and clean-up of sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs). Crews must be able to quickly and efficiently capture, contain and clean SSOs. The vacuum capability of the combination truck is the only tool that can be effectively used for this task.

The vacuum capability of the combination truck is also frequently used in response to flooding during storm events. Crews must be able to vacuum excessive water away from storm drain inlets in order to be able to access and clear blocked storm drain inlets.

EXISTING POLICY

None

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

None

DISCUSSION

On September 10, 2015, the City issued a request for bids for the Combination Sewer Cleaner to four dealers and posted the bid notice on the City's website. Municipal Maintenance Equipment (MME) was the only responsive bidder with a proposal amount of \$324,113 plus sales tax.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Posting of the meeting agenda serves as notice to the general public.

FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACT

The 2015/17 Budget includes an amount of \$380,000 in the Sewer Fund for the purchase of the combination sewer cleaner, resulting in savings of approximately \$30,000.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Not applicable

RECOMMENDATION

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ALTERNATIVES

1. Do not authorize the purchase
2. Re-initiate the bid process; however, this may result in a higher final cost

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