

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

From: The Office of the City Manager

Date: October 28, 2024

Subject: Authorize the purchase of a Camera Van for the Public Works Utility Division from Rausch Electronics USA, LLC, in the amount of \$323,926.35 utilizing Sourcewell Contract RFP #120721.

Presenter: Kenneth Garvin, Public Works Operations Manager

Summary:

City Council is being asked to approve the purchase of a new Camera Van in the amount of \$323,926.35. This purchase will be made with Rausch Electronics USA, LLC, through Sourcewell Contract RFP #120721.

General Description:

Funding was approved in the FY 2024-2025 Capital Budget for the purchase of a Camera Van unit (Project FS2504) for the Public Works Department. This unit will be used to perform inspections of the City's underground wastewater collection system, replacing a 2008 vehicle. This is a single axle Ford Transit Van that includes mobile cameras, monitors, a computer, and 1,000 feet of cable for underground line inspection. The smaller size of this unit as compared to the existing box truck will be more nimble, facilitating access to city assets in densely developed areas.

The Public Works Utility Division uses the existing camera truck unit daily, completing roughly 35,000 linear feet of camera footage of the wastewater collection system annually. Staff also inspects approximately 2,000 feet of storm drain lines. The existing unit is in need of more frequent repairs, making it difficult to keep up with needed inspections.

The City of North Richland Hills is a member of several inter-local purchasing groups and utilizes existing contracts with vendors through the Local Government Purchasing Cooperatives. Utilizing a cooperative purchasing contract satisfies all state law requirements for competitive bidding. This purchase is being paid for with Utility Fund Reserves.

Recommendation:

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