

Resolution No. 2023-XXX N.C.S.
of the City of Petaluma, California

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A SEWER SYSTEM CAMERA VAN FROM RAPIDVIEW LLC FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT THROUGH SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE PURCHASE, AND INCREASING THE BUDGET

WHEREAS, the City of Petaluma seeks to purchase the replacement of the city’s sewer system camera van; and

WHEREAS, Section 4.04.050 of the Petaluma Municipal Code allows formal bidding procedures to be dispensed with when the commodity can be obtained from only one vendor; and

WHEREAS, the City is a member of the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program (formerly National Joint Powers Alliance) which supports cooperative purchasing, allowing the City the opportunity to access competitively awarded and nationally leveraged cooperative purchasing contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Sourcewell cooperative price meeting specifications for the sewer system camera van was submitted by RapidView LLC for \$392,257.88; and

WHEREAS, the sewer camera van provided by RapidView LLC is consistent with other (City-owned) equipment using the same software, training, and methods of operation. Additionally, the equipment has better abilities and utilizes the latest technology for more accurate inspections; and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$250,000 were included and approved in the FY 22/23 budget for the purchase of a sewer camera van; and

WHEREAS, this purchase will require a budget adjustment in the amount of \$142,258 using wastewater enterprise funds; and

WHEREAS, due to significant supply chain impacts and fuel costs caused by the pandemic, the availability of all-electric vehicles is scarce; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), in that purchasing a replacement sewer camera van does not meet CEQA's definition of a “project,” because the action does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and because the action constitutes organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment; and

WHEREAS, if the proposed action did constitute a project under CEQA, the action is exempt under the common-sense exemption, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) as the use of a sewer camera van with a diesel engine utilizing renewable diesel will reduce emissions from an equivalent internal combustion vehicle.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Petaluma as follows:

1. Declares that the above recitals to be true and correct and are incorporated into this resolution as findings of the City Council.
2. Find that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), in that purchasing a replacement sewer camera van does not meet CEQA's definition of a "project," because the action does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and because the action constitutes organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. Relatedly, if the proposed action did constitute a project under CEQA, the action is exempt under the common-sense exemption, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) as the use of a sewer camera van with a diesel engine utilizing renewable diesel will reduce emissions from an equivalent internal combustion vehicle.
3. Finds that purchasing the sewer camera van through Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program is in compliance with the purchasing requirements of the City Charter and Chapter 4.04 of the Petaluma Municipal Code.
4. Approves the purchase of one Sewer Camera Van from RapidView LLC for \$392,257.88, including taxes and fees.
5. Authorizes the City Manager, or her designee, to execute any necessary agreements and documents to complete the purchase of the vehicles and related equipment.
6. A budget adjustment will be brought forward in conjunction with first-quarter budget adjustments.

Under the power and authority conferred upon this Council by the Charter of said City.

REFERENCE:

I hereby certify the foregoing Resolution was introduced and adopted by the Council of the City of Petaluma at a Regular meeting on the 17th day of July 2023, by the following vote:

Approved as to
form:

City Attorney

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor