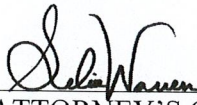


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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 90166 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS REBECCA KAPLAN, KEVIN JENKINS  
AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIKKI FORTUNATO BAS

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RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS (\$840,490) FROM MEASURE BB FUNDS TO IMPROVE ABANDONED AUTO TOWING AND CLEAR THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY OF THE BLIGHT AND HAZARD OF ABANDONED VEHICLES AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OR DESIGNEE TO:

- (1) NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH AUTURA FOR SYSTEMS TO IMPROVE THE REMOVAL OF ABANDONED VEHICLES AND INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY AND TRACKING OF VEHICLE TOWING FOR THE CITY OF OAKLAND INCLUDING THE PURCHASE OF TOW MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE AND ASSOCIATED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, WITH AN INITIAL TWO YEAR TERM, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000) PER YEAR;
- (2) ALLOCATE AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000) TO COVER EXTRA PERSONNEL COSTS TO REMOVE THE BACKLOG OF ABANDONED VEHICLES;
- (3) ALLOCATE AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS (\$190,490) TO UNFREEZE A PARKING AND MOBILITY MANAGEMENT DIVISION PROGRAM ANALYST FOR THE 2024-2025 YEAR;
- (4) NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO ADDITIONAL CONTRACTS FOR TOWING SERVICES WITH NO NET COST TO THE CITY; AND
- (5) WAIVE THE MULTI-STEP COMPETITIVE PROPOSAL SOLICITATION PROCESS AND LOCAL/SMALL LOCAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (L/SLBE) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

**WHEREAS**, the presence of abandoned vehicles on the streets and other public spaces in the City of Oakland creates blight and worsens crime; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to be able to promptly and efficiently track and remove abandoned vehicles, and ensure accountability in this process; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposal will help enable more rapid deployment of vehicle towing to remove abandoned vehicles from the streets; and

**WHEREAS**, the presence of excess abandoned vehicles impedes the effective flow of traffic, including for vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, and people using wheelchairs and strollers; and

**WHEREAS**, Systems providing for more rapid and transparent tow truck dispatch and response will increase the speed and efficiency of tracking, removing, and recovering vehicles. This will reduce the excess time that City of Oakland personnel need to spend on towing-related matters, and will allow them to more effectively do their jobs, and remove vehicles more quickly; and

**WHEREAS**, the Autura system is built for government agencies to simplify operations and tow response times by streamlining dispatch operations with requests processed through the Autura software and improve personnel safety by reducing the time personnel are waiting on the side of the road. There are currently no other comparable solutions on the market; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution, therefore, is for approval for a single-source procurement with Autura for their software system, which will modernize and streamline tow-operations within the City and provide a better experience for residents; and

**WHEREAS**, adopting and deploying this tool will increase the City's ability to focus on essential duties by effectively removing vehicles and clearing streets, sidewalks, and other areas from blockages and blight efficiently; and

**WHEREAS**, the City currently contracts towing services for motor vehicles that are abandoned, illegally parked, disabled, damaged by collision, subject to impound, and other scenarios. The current process is antiquated, relying on manual methods utilizing disparate systems, which creates additional steps and requires direct coordination between multiple personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDOT) handles abandoned automobile tracking and removal and towing but does not currently have a comprehensive data management system to enable efficiency and accountability of such systems and to allow personnel on the streets to have transparency and reliability of tow dispatch and tow timing; and

**WHEREAS**, there is also a need to mobilize a surge of personnel to help remove and clear the backlog of abandoned vehicles, and thus, we propose to authorize an allocation to fund personnel hours to provide for expanded vehicle removal operations and be able to effectively serve hard-hit areas; and

**WHEREAS**, when abandoned vehicles sit out for long periods of time, they become further blighted and broken, worsening safety impacts, and making them harder to remove, and risks them being used for crime. When abandoned auto personnel work solely based on complaints, it reduces efficiency and effectiveness and causes vehicles to be out for longer, and thus, focused sweeps of heavily-impacted areas are needed in order to improve effectiveness, equity, cost recovery, and reduce blight and hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, having additional tow yards (impounds lots) would also improve the ability to efficiently address the backlog of vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, obtaining access for tow yard usage (impound lots) on CalTrans property, which would otherwise remain vacant or improperly used, could help reduce blight and reduce fire danger while also allowing effective use of publicly owned space and providing for more timely and effective vehicle tow services; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to OMC section 2.41.050, the City Administrator has full and complete authority to lease real property up to a value of \$100,000 over the lease term and the Council supports and encourages City Administration to work with CalTrans and asks and encourages CalTrans to work with the City to identify for use as City tow yards CalTrans property that is otherwise underutilized, abandoned or blighted space;

**WHEREAS**, Measure BB, passed in 2014 by the voters of Alameda County, increased the local transportation sales tax and extended it. Within Measure BB, the City of Oakland (and other cities) receive a formula allocation of funding for maintaining and upkeeping our Local Streets and Roads, which in Oakland is held in Fund 2218; and

**WHEREAS**, In the January 2024 Quarterly Revenue and Expenditure Report, the City of Oakland's Finance Department identified the available ending fund balance of Measure BB, the Local Streets and Road, Fund 2218 as \$7,100,000; and

**WHEREAS**, this effort will serve the maintenance and improvement of local streets and roads, and the public right of way, within the transportation component of the city of Oakland Capital Improvement Program (CIP); and

**WHEREAS**, OMC section 2.04.042(D) provides that the City Council may waive the multi-step solicitation process upon finding and determination by the City Council that it is in the best interests of the City to do so; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local/Small Local Business Enterprise (L/SLBE) Program, Ordinance No.13647 C.M.S., requires a minimum fifty-percent (50%) participation for all professional service contracts valued at or over fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) when there are at least three certified businesses listed in the industry, trade, or profession that constitutes a major category of work; and if at least three L/SLBEs are not certified, then the requirement is either waived, or the 50% requirement may be set at a percentage from 50 % to 0%, but not less than 20% if at least one L/SLBE is certified and available; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council may, in its discretion, waive the requirements of the L/SLBE Program; and

**WHEREAS**, authorizing OakDOT to enter contracts for towing services would further improve the conditions of our public rights of way and reduce impediments and blight from our streets; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council hereby appropriates a total of \$840,490 (less than 10% of the available Measure BB Fund 2218 fund balance) for these efforts to improve abandoned auto towing and clear the public right of way of the blight and hazard of abandoned vehicles to enable the safe travel of vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator is hereby allocated and authorized to utilize the funds as follows: 1) Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) per year for a contract with Autura for a tow management system for an initial two-year term, 2) One Hundred Ninety Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$190,490) to unfreeze a Full-Time Employee (FTE) Parking and Mobility Division Program Analyst for the 2024-2025 year; 3) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) in one-time funds to cover overtime personnel costs for Parking Control Technician-1 (PCT) and PCT-2 personnel, including protective safety equipment for personnel, to help clear the backlog of abandoned vehicles; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Council authorizes the City Administrator or designee to negotiate and execute an agreement with Autura for systems to improve efficiency and tracking of vehicle towing for OakDOT, including tow management software and associated professional services, with an initial two-year term, with a maximum compensation not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) per year; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator shall have the authority during the term of this contract to add additional City personnel and departments as further authorized users of this system; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator is authorized to negotiate and enter into contracts for towing services in excess of the City Administrator's purchase authority and may do so without return to Council provided that the contracts have no net cost to the City; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That for the reasons stated above and in the report accompanying this Resolution, the City Council hereby finds and determines that it is in the best interests of the City to waive the multi-step solicitation processes pursuant to Oakland Municipal Code section 2.04.042.D, and, to the extent necessary and for good cause shown, the City's Local/Small Local Business Enterprise program requirements, and so waives these requirements; and be it



**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator or their designee is authorized to complete all required negotiations, execute the agreements described herein, and take any other action consistent with this Resolution and its basic purpose.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

**MAR 19 2024**

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

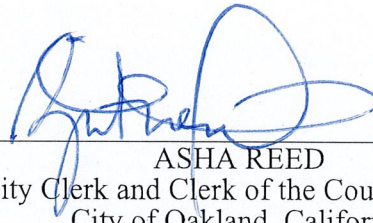
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NOES - 0

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City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California