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CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

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**RESOLUTION: 1) AWARDING A PURCHASE ORDER TO OWEN EQUIPMENT SALES, INC. THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE BIDDER IN ACCORD WITH THE REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ) NUMBER 410533, CUSTOM EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS AND THE CONTRACTOR'S BID , IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$2,500,000) DOLLARS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) VACTOR TRUCK MOUNTED SINGLE ENGINE COMBINATION SEWER CLEANERS; AND 2) ADOPTING CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) EXEMPTION FINDINGS**

**WHEREAS**, the Sewer Services Division of Oakland Public Works (OPW) is responsible for performing preventive maintenance to over 932 miles of sewer mains, ranging from six inches to over 66 inches in diameter. Preventive maintenance consists of closed-circuit television (CCTV) inspections, cleaning, and performance of minor repairs. The City is currently operating under a Federal Consent (Case Number C09-00186-RS and C09-05684-RS) requiring the City to clean 184 miles and inspect (CCTV) 94 miles of sanitary sewer pipe each year; and

**WHEREAS**, to comply with this mandated operation, Sewer Maintenance must have adequate quantities of fully functional specialized equipment such as these Sewer Cleaner (flusher) trucks; and

**WHEREAS**, the OPW Sewer Division has eight (8) combinations; hydro-flusher, jet vacuum, CCTV truck, and root cutter vehicles. Due to discontinued and otherwise difficult to obtain replacement parts, seven of the eight flusher trucks are currently inoperable, and the single remaining aged unit may become inoperable at any time. These critical emergency response vehicles are used to keep the sewer main clear from debris and roots, clear obstructions causing sewer spills, and to recover spilled sewage from the environment. With seven trucks currently out of service and one that may fail and become out of service at any time, the Sewer Maintenance Division frequently has been forced to rent flusher trucks at a cost of \$168,000/year. A new flusher truck is approximately \$750,000 so sustained renting of this type of equipment is not a sound economic decision. Failure to purchase this sewer emergency response equipment immediately reduces the City's ability to preventively clean sewer pipes and increases the risk of sewer main blockages, and the resulting Sanitary Sewer Overflows that release biological waste and cause sanitary issues throughout the City. This may also result in the City not being in compliance with

the Federal Consent Decree for both cleaning, preventing and responding to SSO's and may subject the City to fines and penalties by the EPA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sewer Division developed the custom specifications for their cleaner trucks, Vactor 2100i is preferred because it is widely regarded as a premier, high-performance combination sewer cleaner, favored for its superior suction, robust engineering, and requires minimal maintenances; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 17, 2026, City conducted an Request for Quote (RFQ) Number 410533 to provide three (3) custom unit Vactor Truck Mounted Single Engine Combination Sewer Cleaners which was sent to twelve (12) business enterprises, including one local Oakland business; and

**WHEREAS**, the RFQ notice was also posted on the City's website and advertised in the City's official newspaper following Oakland Municipal Code (OMC) 2.04.050;

**WHEREAS**, On May 4, 2026, the City Clerk's Office received three (3) quotations from Owen Equipment Sales, Inc., Jack Doheny Companies Inc, and Municipal Maintenance Equipment Inc; and

**WHEREAS**, this one-time purchase not to exceed \$2,500,000 is funded as part of the FY 2025-27 Adopted Biennial Budget within the following funding code: Sewer Service Fund (3100), Infrastructure Maint: Sewer System Organization (30533), EPA-Sewer Cleaning Project (1001676), and Sanitary Sewer Management & Maintenance Program (IN13); now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the council adopt resolution awarding a purchase order to Owen Equipment Sales, Inc., the responsible and responsive bidder in accord with RFQ number 410533, the custom equipment specifications, , and Contractor's bid, in the amount not to exceed two million five hundred thousand (\$2,500,000) dollars for the purchase of three (3) Vactor truck mounted single engine combination sewer cleaners; and 2) adopting California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption Findings; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** There is no minimum commitment to this contract, funds will not be committed unless funding is identified, and the contractor will have the right to accept or reject any proposed contract extension; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the agreements and the action being undertaken to implement them are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under the following CEQA Guideline Sections: Section 15060(c)(2) (no direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment); Section 15061(b)(3) (no significant effect on the environment); Section 15301 (existing facilities); Section 15307 (protection of natural resources); Section 15308 (protection of the environment); and Section 15309 (inspections), each of which provides a separate and independent basis for CEQA clearance and when viewed collectively provide an overall basis for CEQA clearance; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That City Administrator must report back to Council on any contract adjustments and any further increases beyond this amount require additional Council's

approval; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator or their designee is authorized to complete all required negotiations, execute the agreements, and take any other action consistent with this Resolution and its basic purpose except with respect to any increase in compensation or contract amount; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Agreement will be reviewed for form and legality by the City Attorney and a copy filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES – BROWN, FIFE, GALLO, HOUSTON, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, WANG AND  
PRESIDENT JENKINS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
ASHA REED  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California