



CITY OF OAKLAND

# AGENDA REPORT

**TO:** Elizabeth Lake  
Acting City Administrator

**FROM:** Liam Garland  
Director, Public Works

**SUBJECT:** Contracts With United Rotary Brush Corp. and Owens Equipment Sales

**DATE:** June 9, 2026

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City Administrator Approval

  
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## **RECOMMENDATION**

**Staff Recommends That The City Council Adopt The Following Pieces Of Legislation:**

- 1) A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To Award A Contract To United Rotary Brush Corporation In An Amount Not-To-Exceed \$750,000, For The Purchase Of Replacement Brooms And Brushes For Street Sweepers For A Three-Year Term (July 1, 2026 To July 1, 2029), And Two One-Year Options To Renew, In Response To Specification No. 25-140.00 / RFQ 384531; And Making Appropriate California Environmental Quality Act Findings; And**
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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The proposed resolutions authorize contracts with United Rotary Brush Corporation and Owens Equipment Sales for the supply of replacement brooms and brushes used on the City of Oakland (City) fleet of 17 Elgin and Tymco street sweepers. These components are high-wear consumable items that are essential to maintaining operational street sweeping services.

Street sweeper brooms and brushes require frequent replacement due to continuous contact with roadway surfaces, debris, and uneven pavement conditions. Without a reliable supply of these parts, sweepers may be taken out of service, reducing fleet availability and impacting the City's ability to maintain street cleanliness, meet environmental compliance standards, and support revenue-generating parking enforcement operations.

The contracts were competitively procured in accordance with [Oakland Municipal Code \(OMC\) § 2.04.050](#) and will provide a reliable, cost-effective supply of critical consumable parts.

Public Works and Transportation Committee  
June 23, 2026

## **BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

The Equipment Services Division in the Oakland Public Works Department maintains a fleet of 17 Elgin and Tymco street sweepers that support the Public Works Department Keep Oakland Clean and Beautiful (KOCB) street cleaning operations citywide.

Street sweeping is a critical municipal service that:

- Maintains roadway cleanliness and public health
- Supports stormwater pollution prevention compliance
- Enables parking enforcement tied to posted street sweeping schedules

Sweeper brooms and brushes are consumable components that experience significant wear and must be replaced regularly to maintain effective sweeping performance. The frequency of replacement is influenced by roadway conditions, including potholes, debris, and uneven surfaces commonly found throughout the City.

Failure to maintain an adequate inventory of these parts can result in reduced sweeper functionality or units being placed out of service.

## **ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES**

The approval of contracts with United Rotary Brush Corporation and Owens Equipment Sales will ensure a reliable and uninterrupted supply of critical parts, specifically the specialized brooms required for the City's street sweepers. The City's fleet of 17 street sweepers requires frequent maintenance. Given that these brooms are unique and specialized for street sweeping operations, securing a consistent supply of these parts from trusted vendors is essential to maintain operational efficiency.

The procurement process followed a formally advertised competitive bid with specifications 25-140.00/RFQ 384531,1. The procurement was posted November 25, 2025, and closed December 5, 2025. The Purchasing Division announced this formal bid using the City's website, local newspapers, and to nine vendors directly. The following vendors were directly invited to participate:

INVITED VENDORS	RESPONSE	OAKLAND BUSINESS	ADDRESS
AMERICAN AUTO REPAIR- REBUILDER	NO	YES	1237 40TH AVE, OAKLAND, CA 94601
FASTENAL COMPANY	NO	NO	2001 THEURER BLVD, WINONA, MN 55987
GRAINGER INC.	NO	NO	GRAINGER BRANCH 560444 DOOLITTLE DRIVE, SAN LEANDRO, CA 94577
NIXON- EGLIE EQUIPMENT COMPANY	NO	NO	2044 SO. VINEYARD AVENUE, ONTARIO, CA 91761
OWEN EQUIPMENT SALES	YES	NO	1085 HORIZON DR., FAIRFIELD, CA 94533
RS HUGHES CO INC	NO	YES	7303 EDGEWATER DR., UNIT B, OAKLAND, CA 94621
ULINE INC.	NO	NO	2200 S. LAKESIDE DRIVE, WAUKEGAN, IL 60085
UNITED ROTARY BRUSH CORPORATION	YES	NO	2444 STATION DR STE C, STOCKTON, CA 95215
WECO INDUSTRIES LLC	NO	NO	4971 ALLISON PARKWAY, SUITE A, VACAVILLE, CA 95688

The City received two responses: United Rotary Brush Corporation and Owens Equipment Sales, and this report recommends entering into contracts with both companies.

The process complied with OMC § 2.04.050. This procurement approach is designed to foster competition among vendors, helping the City secure the best possible terms while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

By approving these contracts, the City will mitigate the risk of operational disruptions due to parts shortages, which could delay services or increase maintenance costs. It also ensures the continued safety of both the equipment operators and the general public by maintaining well-functioning street sweepers that are crucial for the City's cleanliness and environmental standards.

If the contracts are not approved, then the fleet's ability to maintain its street sweepers may be compromised. This could lead to delays in scheduled street sweeping, an increase in unplanned repairs, and the potential for higher long-term costs if maintenance becomes more difficult or expensive due to part shortages. Additionally, street sweepers may be out of service for longer periods, reducing the capacity to maintain the City's cleanliness and posing a risk to public safety. This option would also force the City to reinitiate a procurement process, potentially further delaying parts procurement.

The proposed contracts with United Rotary Brush Corporation and Owens Equipment Sales represent the most viable option to ensure the reliable and timely supply of critical parts for street sweepers. This approach follows a competitive bidding process and has been vetted for compliance with the City's procurement policies. Approval of these contracts will guarantee uninterrupted street sweeping services, support the safety of operators and the public, and ensure the City continues to meet its cleanliness and environmental goals. Given the immediate need for these specialized parts, alternative options such as expanding the vendor pool or in-house manufacturing would not provide the same level of reliability or timeliness. Therefore, approval of the proposed contracts is strongly recommended.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The proposed contracts, totaling \$1,500,000, will be funded within the following funding code: Equipment Fund (4100), Equipment Services: Administration Organization (30541), DP300 Administrative Project (1000010), and Fleet Management & Maintenance Program (IN01). No additional appropriation is requested by this action.

Utilization of these contracts is contingent upon the availability of Council-authorized appropriations and a funding availability analysis conducted by the Budget Office at the time of standard purchase order request submission or prior to fund encumbrance. There is no minimum commitment to the proposed contracts, and funds will not be committed unless funding is identified.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST**

Other than the public noticing provided for this agenda item, no additional outreach was deemed necessary.

### **COORDINATION**

The Oakland Public Works Department prepared the requested action. This report and resolution were reviewed by the Office of the City Attorney and the Budget Bureau.

### **RACE AND EQUITY**

Reliable street sweeping services promote environmental equity by ensuring all neighborhoods receive consistent cleaning services. Maintaining operational fleet availability helps prevent disparities in service delivery, particularly in historically underserved communities.

### **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

This action is not a “project” under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5) because it constitutes a fiscal and administrative activity that does not have the potential to result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Alternatively, and in the event it is found that CEQA applies, the action is exempt under the common sense exemption (CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3)) and the Class 1 Existing Facilities categorical exemption (CEQA Guidelines § 15301), as it involves the purchase and use of equipment to support existing municipal services with negligible or no expansion of use. Substantial evidence also exists to establish that none of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply.

**ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

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For questions regarding this report, please contact ANGELO FULLEN, INTERIM EQUIPMENT SERVICES MANAGER, at 510-615-5487.

Respectfully submitted,



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A: RFQ 384531,1