



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Specifications and Advertisement for Bids for Sewer Hydrocleaner Truck for Water/Wastewater Division

MEETING DATE: September 17, 1997

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council approve the specifications for the above equipment and authorize advertising for bids.

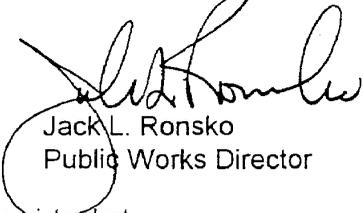
BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Funds to purchase a sewer hydrocleaner truck for the Wastewater Utility of the Public Works Department were approved and budgeted in the 1997/99 Equipment Replacement Fund. The current unit, No. 04-038, was purchased in June 1989 and is reaching the end of its useful life for the demanding daily use involved in maintenance cleaning and clearing blockages in domestic and industrial sewer lines. There have been an increasing number of expensive repairs needed on this unit.

The sewer hydrocleaner provides a powerful jet stream of water that cleans out grease, sediments and other debris that accumulate in domestic and industrial sewer lines. Proactive maintenance and cleaning prevents blockages and subsequent spills of raw sewage which results in reduced claims against the City. It also extends the life of sewer lines by reducing the conditions for hydrogen sulfide/sulfuric acid production. The current 8-year-old unit will be transferred to the Street Division for additional service life and be delegated to the less strenuous task of storm line cleaning. Additionally, the older unit will again serve as an emergency backup for the new unit and ensure our customers the quality service they are accustomed to.

The specifications are on file in the Public Works Department.

FUNDING: The money for this project will be coming from the Wastewater Equipment Replacement Fund (\$180,910) and General Fleet Fund (\$29,300) (see Page E-44, 1997/99 Financial Plan and Budget). A request for appropriation of funds will be made at contract award.

Project Estimate: \$210,210
Budgeted: 1997/99 fiscal year
Planned Bid Opening Date: October 2, 1997

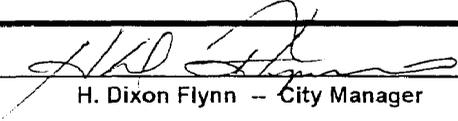

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