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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 1987

SPECIFICATIONS FOR
THE PURCHASE OF
ROUGH TERRAIN
CRANE APPROVED

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The specifications for the purchase of a Rough Terrain Crane were presented for Council approval. Council was informed that this machine will be used in the Electric Utility Department for handling the increasingly larger transformers and vaults used on the system. At present, the City has no equipment capable of handling such material. For scheduled tasks, rental equipment has been utilized. However, under an emergency condition, in the event of a transformer failure at a larger commercial complex or an industrial customer, it is very unlikely that equipment can be made available within a reasonable period of time for restoration of service.

The machine will also be used in the warehouse operation to handle the same type of equipment at time of receipt and again when issued. It is further anticipated that the unit will be used as other 'lifting needs' in various other City operations.

Funding for this purchase was included in the Department's 1987-88 fiscal-year equipment budget. The estimated cost of this purchase is \$165,000 with delivery expected in approximately two months.

Discussion followed with questions being directed to staff on the matter. Questions were asked about the anticipated uses for this type of equipment and what past needs had been for the equipment as well.

On motion of Council Member Hinchman, Reid second, Council approved the specifications for the purchase of a Rough Terrain Crane and authorized the advertising for bids thereon. Council Member Pinkerton asked that at the time the bids are presented to Council that a report be provided on the past needs for this type of equipment.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

TO: THE CITY COUNCIL	DATE: Meeting of	NO.
FROM: THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE	September 16, 1987	
SUBJECT: SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROUGH TERRAIN CRANE (EUD-87-12)		

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council approve the specifications for the purchase of a Rough Terrain Crane, 18-ton capacity (minimum) and authorize advertisement for bids thereon. The bid opening date has been set for October 6, 1987.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This machine will be used in the Electric Utility Department for handling the increasingly larger transformers and vaults used on the system. At present, the City has no equipment capable of handling such material. For scheduled tasks, rental equipment has been utilized. However, under an emergency condition, in the event of a transformer failure at a large commercial complex or an industrial customer, it is very unlikely that equipment can be made available within a reasonable period of time for restoration of service.

The machine will also be used in the warehouse operation to handle the same type of equipment at time of receipt and again when issued. It is further anticipated that the unit will be used at other 'lifting needs' in various other City operations.

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Henry J. Rice
Electric Utility Director

cc: Assist. Electric Utility Director
Purchasing Officer