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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM



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Subject: Bid Waiver: Outdoor Drinking Fountains and Bicycle Repair Stations and Parts

History

The Facilities and Grounds Division of the Department of Public Works is responsible for the installation, maintenance, and repair of the outdoor amenities including drinking fountains and bicycle repair stations. The majority of the outdoor drinking fountains used throughout the parks, is the Most Dependable Fountain (MDF) brand. MDF has proven to be reliable and competitively priced to comparable brands. In addition to the reliability, the continued standardization of equipment allows for more efficient maintenance by reducing the amount of different manufacturer parts in inventory. For several years the City of Troy has used MDF fountains and specified their products during the development of parks such as the newly named Jeanne M. Stine Park. Purchasing directly from the manufacturer avoids additional costs associated with distributor markup.

Purchasing

- Scheduled Capital Projects to improve park facilities in the current and future years dictates the need to purchase replacement drinking fountains and bicycle repair stations and parts on an as needed basis.
- Standardizing drinking fountains and bicycle repair stations to a single brand will streamline staff training, and reduce repair part inventories and maintenance issues.
- It is not possible to secure competitive bids because Most Dependable Fountains is the sole source manufacturer for MDF brand equipment and parts.
- A bid waiver is requested to purchase Most Dependable Fountains equipment and the associated parts directly from Most Dependable Fountains on an ongoing basis, not to exceed budgetary limitations.

Financial

Funds for the purchase of drinking fountains and bicycle repair stations are budgeted and available in the respective facility Capital and Operating Fund accounts and will be presented to City Council for approval as individual expenditures as required by the City Charter.



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Recommendation

City Management recommends that the bid process be waived and an ongoing contract be established with *Most Dependable Fountains of Arlington, TN* for the purchase of outdoor drinking fountains, bicycle repair stations, and associated parts not to exceed budget limitations.