


City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Public Works
FROM: Daryl Uptmore, Deputy Director of Public Works
MEETING: May 4, 2026

SUBJECT:

Consider and take possible action on a 28-month sole source agreement with Core & Main, LP for the purchase of water meters and associated parts in the amount of \$600,000. *(Staff Contact: Daryl Uptmore, Deputy Director of Public Works)*

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AND GOAL(S):

Strategic Focus Area 1	Strategic Goal
 <p>High Performing City Organization Providing Exceptional, People Focused Services</p>	1.3 Deliver high-quality service and communications to external and internal customers

SUMMARY:

The City's water meter system consists entirely of Neptune meter bodies, registers, and meter reading equipment. The automatic meter reading system currently deployed allows greater meter reading efficiency by driving each street and collecting meter data through radio transmission compared to the previous traditional and labor-intensive approach of manual reading of each individual meter. Core and Main, L.P. is the sole authorized distributor for Neptune Technology Group in the State of Texas.

Our current mechanical water meters lose accuracy as they age resulting in non-billed water loss. The City's Water Conservation Plan includes that all 1" and smaller water meters (primarily residential meters) be replaced every 10 years. The plan also includes that all 1-1/2" and 2" meters be tested every three years and annual testing for meters larger than 2". Beginning Fiscal Year 2027, the City will transition to solid state, ultrasonic water meters as the standard for all new meter sets and replacements. These meters are more durable and provide higher

accuracy, especially at low flows where most residential non-billed losses occur. The proposed contract is used to purchase meters for replacements as well as for new installations.

In September 2022, City Council awarded a three-year contract for these items to Core & Main, L.P. in an amount not to exceed \$553,032. Due to the city's continued growth and market conditions, an additional \$215,000 was authorized by City Council in October 2024. A \$90,000 agreement with this vendor was administratively approved in October 2025.

PROCUREMENT METHOD:

This procurement is exempt from the competitive bidding requirements of Texas Local Government Code Chapter 252, in accordance with Section 252.022(a)(7)(A), which permits sole source purchases when the item is available from only one source. Staff has determined that this purchase qualifies as a sole source because it is available only from a single supplier. Staff has reviewed the purchase and confirmed that Core & Main, LP is the only practical source for the required goods/services.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval as presented.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

N/A

REFERENCE:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

Proposed Expenditure/Revenue: \$600,000
Project Number: N/A
Fund: Water and Wastewater Fund
Account Number(s): 501-70-71-7101-0000-61530
Account Description: Meters

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