

# STAFF REPORT

## CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

TO: City Council Regular Session MEETING DATE: April 06, 2021

**FROM:** Andy Yeager, Director of Electric Utilities

SUBJECT: Council approval to purchase thirty-three (33) pole mounted transformers from Gresco in

the amount of \$34,893.00 to replenish inventory and prepare for hurricane season. Andy

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#### **BACKGROUND**

Staff is seeking approval to purchase thirty-three (33) pole-mounted transformers to replenish inventory stock and to prepare for hurricane season. These transformers have a seventeen (17) week lead time. Staff solicited quotes from Gresco, Tri-State and Emerald Transformers. Gresco provided the lowest quote with their Cooper brand transformers at \$34,893.00. Gresco quoted \$46,795 for ERMCO brand and Tri-State quoted \$38,594.00. Emerald Transformers submitted an incomplete quote. All three brands quoted are of similar quality and carry similar warranties. Staff recommends approval of a purchase order to Gresco in the amount of \$34,893.00.

Staff requests that City Council approve the issuance of this purchase order outside of the formal purchase process, which requires formal bids for purchases over \$25,000, as allowed in Chapter 5 of the City Purchasing Policies and Procedures Manual – 2019. The justification for this is because "to render notice and bidding [would be] impractical or unlikely to produce valid or cost effective bids, as judged by the City Council and approved by separate action thereof based upon the best interest of the City."

#### FISCAL IMPACT

\$34,893.00 toward the Electric Department inventory.

### RECOMMENDATION

Approved the purchase of thirty-three (33) pole mounted transformers from Gresco in the amount of \$34,893.00 to replenish inventory and prepare for hurricane season.