CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

SUBMITTER: Logan Hickey **MEETING DATE:** 05/02/2024

AGENDA SECTION: Consent Agenda **DEPARTMENT:** Finance, WTP

TITLE OF ITEM: Sole Source Purchase of Bicarbonate- *Logan Hickey, Ricky Levi*

SUGGESTED MOTION(S):

I move City Council adopt the *Resolution by the City of Hendersonville City Council to Authorize the continued Sole-Source Purchase of Bicarbonate for the City Water Treatment Plant*.

SUMMARY:

The City of Hendersonville's Finance Department is submitting this request on behalf of the City's Water Treatment Plant. The WTP utilizes Bicarbonate. Bicarbonate is required by the state for providing required alkalinity level. Bicarbonate is a proprietary blend called Alkalinity First and is only available from one source of supply in this area as they are the only authorized area distributor. This is a granular technical grade Bicarbonate, which ensures consistent levels of alkalinity that other products cannot offer. If we utilized other products with lesser alkalinity levels and lesser quality composition, this could clog our feed system and cause numerous maintenance issues. Thus, it is vital that we utilize this product as standardization is important. NCGS 143-129(e) lists the authorized exceptions to the formal bid procedures. NCGS 143-129(e)(6) allows for purchases of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment to be purchasing using sole-source exception when: (i) performance or price competition for a product are not available; (ii) a needed product is available from only one source of supply; or (iii) standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration. The governing board of a political subdivision of the State shall approve the purchases listed in the preceding sentence prior to the award of the contract. Staff are requesting to continue to utilize Univar on Bicarbonate City-wide by asking that Council approve this sole source and standardization request.

BUDGET IMPACT: $210,000.00

Is this expenditure approved in the current fiscal year budget? Yes

ATTACHMENTS:
Resolution