



## AGENDA ITEM MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 3-18-2025

TO: Public Works Committee

FROM: Bernie Rammer-Purchasing Agent

**SUBJECT:** Resolution 188-24-25 Subs. of – A resolution to authorize the appropriate City Officials to enter into a five-year operating lease with Bell Bank for the lease of a 2025 Vactor Sewer Maintenance Vehicle. This vehicle will replace a similar vehicle for which the lease has matured. The City has leased these highly complex vehicles for the past ten years. Leasing, as opposed to purchase, allows the City to ensure these vehicles are in a constant state of readiness to respond to sewer emergencies and the five-year term does not allow them to become prone to failures and breakdowns.

### ISSUE

Should the Public Works Committee recommend approval of the resolution, the City will receive the new vehicle which is nearing production completion in about two weeks.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the resolution as the lease vs. buy program has been found to be extremely effective in assuring the highly complex Vactor vehicle(s) remain in a constant state of readiness; enabling timely response to sewer backups and emergencies.

### BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

This will be the third 5-year lease of a Vactor Vehicle. The City also currently leases a smaller, single axle Vactor Vehicle to allow access to smaller streets, cul de sacs etc. and this lease will mature in about two years. Vactor Vehicles have been found to be very effective and result in labor savings as all the technology to clear blockages is available on a single vehicle.

### FUNDING IMPACT

The funding for this lease is courtesy of the Wastewater Fund (630-291600) in the amount of \$107,510.10 per year for a period of five years. This includes trade-in of the current 2020 Vactor Vehicle. The lease will be funded by the Wastewater Fund as has been past practice.

### IF APPROVED, NEXT STEPS:

Following Council approval, the lease document will be finalized, as well as several related documents. The City will take delivery of the new truck within a few weeks.

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