

A U S T I N C I T Y C O U N C I L  
**AGENDA**

Thursday, July 27, 2006

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RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****ITEM No. 79**

**Subject:** Authorize execution of two contracts through the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (BUYBOARD) with LONGHORN INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS LTD., Austin, TX, for the purchase of six heavy truck chassis in an amount not to exceed \$943,456, and with RELIANCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT LTD, San Antonio, TX, for the purchase of six rear load refuse collection bodies in an amount not to exceed \$354,731.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$1,298,187 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Capital Budget of the Solid Waste Services Department. A grant was received from the Texas Emissions Reduction Program administered by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in the amount of \$198,000.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

**Additional Backup  
Material**

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No Attachments Available

**For More Information:** Ron Mazzarella, Fleet Buyer/974-2837**Purchasing Language:** Cooperative Purchase.

These combined contracts are for the purchase of six compressed natural gas (CNG) powered heavy trucks manufactured by Crane Carrier with six mounted rear load refuse collection bodies manufactured by Pak-Mor.

These trucks are the first group of vehicles being purchased that will operate on CNG fuel. Fleet Services plans to add at least six CNG powered heavy trucks to the fleet each year by replacing diesel fuel trucks with CNG fueled trucks over the next 10 years. The City has received a reimbursable grant from the Texas Emissions Reduction Program administered by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in the amount of \$198,000 toward the purchase of these trucks.

Five of the six trucks are replacing 1996-year models and one additional unit that will all be assigned to the Solid Waste Services Department for refuse collection services. The replacement vehicles have met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The Fleet Service Center Manager has inspected the vehicles to be replaced, and determined that the mileage or hours of use cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to downtime. The additional truck is needed to support refuse collection for an additional 1,068 homes that have been annexed in the area of Pierce Lane and Ross Road. This area includes 419 additional single-family homes, 287 moveable modular homes, and 362 platted lots scheduled for sale and construction. Longhorn International and Reliance Truck are under contract with BuyBoard to supply various types of vehicles and bodies statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing the BuyBoard contract provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest opportunity to get the City's vehicles ordered.