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GENERAL INFORMATION

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SUBJECT—

Selection of Tennant Sales and Service Company as Compliant Bid for Parking Garage Sweeper.

SYNOPSIS—

On September 1, 2005 the City sent bid packages to eight equipment dealers to provide prices for the replacement of one parking garage sweeper. The City received three responses to this invitation to bid. Of the three responses, only one bid met bid specifications. This action will award the bid to Tennant Sales and Service Company, Janet Dolan, CEO, 701 North Lilac Drive, Minneapolis, MN 55422.

FISCAL IMPACT—

Funding is currently available in the Parking Replacement Fund; ENG100713, EN066, 544070.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval.

BACKGROUND—

The Parking System maintains two self-propelled sweeping units for the seven parking facilities owned by the City of Des Moines. One of these units is a sweeper/scrubber and the other unit is only a sweeper. The sweeper unit owned by the City of Des Moines is now ten years old and is used on a nightly basis. This sweeper is becoming increasingly expensive to maintain and needs to be replaced due to wear and tear.

Of the three bids received by the City, only the bid from Tennant Sales and Service Company, Minneapolis, MN met the sweeper specifications. Neither of the sweeping units submitted by Minuteman PowerBoss (Minuteman PowerBoss, Villa Park, IL) and American-Lincoln (Elliott Equipment Co., Grimes, IA) met the bid specification. Neither of these sweeping units met the required clear height specified for dumping debris. Additional shortcomings in one or both units included: an inadequate debris hopper and the lack of a rear bumper, heat sensor, dedicated vacuum fan for dust control, low-force foot feed, adjustable steering wheel and brush down pressure gauge. As such, staff recommends that the Council approve the single compliant bid of \$42,941.19 from Tennant Sales and Service Company.