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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 28G <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>09-</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>09-144</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> <b>Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.</b> <span style="padding-left: 100px;"><b>City Engineer</b></span>	

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Authorizing the purchase of replacement parking meters from P.O.M. (Park-O-Meter) Inc., as a sole source provider, at a total cost of \$119,191.25 plus freight.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval of the purchase of replacement parking meters from P.O.M. (Park-O-Meter) Inc., as a sole source provider. The Traffic and Transportation Division is implementing the annual replacement program for existing electronic parking meters. These parking meters, including the software, hardware and coin collection system, must match the existing meters, which have been furnished by P.O.M., 200 S. Elmira Street, Russellville, AR 72801.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$119,191.25 plus freight.

Funding Source: 2008-2009 Amended Operating Budget, Engineering Department, Fund EN051, ENG100710, T&T Parking Meter Maintenance – Parking Meters.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Traffic and Transportation Division has requested the Finance Department, Procurement Division, to purchase new parking meters to replace existing meters that are at the end of their useful life. These replacement meters must be fully compatible with the current parking meter software, hardware and coin collection system already in use by the City. Therefore, these meters must be purchased from the current supplier, P.O.M. P.O.M. has quoted a very favorable price, with a 15% discount from the regular meter price based on the quantity of meters proposed to be purchased. This discounted price will allow replacement of more meters than was originally expected.

The City of Des Moines worked with the Downtown Community Alliance (DCA) to develop a method of adding parking time (or value) to a parking meter that does not require using just coins, and recommended the use of a SmartCard (also called a Debit or Value Card). Based on the result of a previous pilot program test of the multi-space electronic parking meters, the SmartCard parking meter system has shown that it is a proven and reliable method of adding value to a parking meter. On July 28, 2008, under Roll Call No. 08-1330, the City Council approved the purchase and installation of SmartCards.

These new replacement parking meters will include the card reader for the SmartCard parking program. This proposed purchase will provide for replacement of 355 meters with new meters that will allow expansion of the initial 1,000 meters that accept the SmartCard. The new meters would replace existing meters in areas that will expand the current SmartCard area. The specific SmartCard expansion areas will be determined in conjunction with the Downtown Parking Committee. It is expected that a similar meter replacement will occur in FY 2010 and annually thereafter in order to keep good quality meters on the street and minimize any problems or malfunctions.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: July 28, 2008

Roll Call No.: 08-1330

Action: 35. Bids for the following:

- (A) Park-O-Meter (POM) Incorporated, sole area-wide distributor, for Smart Cards and Card Vending Units for existing parking meters to be used by the Traffic & Transportation Division, \$72,972.69. (Council Communication No. 08-433) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):** DCA Parking Advisory Committee

Date: June 19, 2008

Roll Call No.: N/A

Action: Approval of Smart Card System for Implementation

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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