



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date	July 13, 2009
-------------	---------------

Agenda Item No.	48G
Roll Call No.	09-
Communication No.	09-446
Submitted by:	Jeb E. Brewer, P.E. City Engineer

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 \$129,901.05 plus freight.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend Council 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., Amy Adkison, Regional Sales Manager, 200 S. Elmira Street, Russellville, AR 72801.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$129,901.05 plus freight.

Funding Source: 2009-2010 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 351 new parking meters and 80 parking meter mechanisms for the annual meter replacement program. 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 is the same unit price for replacement meters as last fiscal year. Again, this year, 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 only coins, and recommended the use of a SmartCard (also called a Debit or Value Card). On July 28, 2008, under Roll Call No. 08-1330, the City Council approved the initial purchase and installation of approximately 1,000 SmartCard meters. On March 3, 2009, under Roll Call 09-397, the City Council approved the purchase of approximately 355 parking meters with SmartCard technology as the first phase of an annual parking meter maintenance and replacement program.

This proposed purchase will provide for replacement of 351 complete meters and an additional 80 parking meter mechanisms to replace older mechanisms in parking meters that cannot be upgraded. These new meters will include the card reader for the SmartCard and will increase the number of SmartCard meters from approximately 1,400 to over 1,700. The SmartCard expansion areas have been approved by the Downtown Parking Committee. A similar meter replacement will occur in FY 2011 and annually thereafter in order to replace meters as they reach the end of their useful life and minimize any problems or malfunctions.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: March 9, 2009

Roll Call: 09-397

Action: 28. Bids for the following:

- (G) POM Incorporated (sole area wide distributor) for parking meters and parking meter equipment to be used by the Engineering Department (Traffic & Transportation), \$119,191.25. (Council Communication No. 09-144) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: July 28, 2008

Roll Call: 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

For more information on this and other agenda items, please call the City Clerk's Office at 515-283-4209 or visit the Clerk's Office on the second floor of City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive. Council agendas are available to the public at the City Clerk's Office on Thursday afternoon preceding Monday's Council meeting. Citizens can also request to receive meeting notices and agendas by email by calling the Clerk's Office or sending their request via email to cityclerk@dmgov.org.