

Agenda Item:

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Meeting Date:

August 7, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: City Commission

Through: Jennifer K. Bramley, City Manager

From: Clay Watkins

Date: 2025-07-18

Subject: Purchase of Two (2) Trailer Mounted Wastewater Bypass Pumps from Mersino Dewatering, LLC, of Jacksonville, FL, via "piggybacking" the Florida Sheriffs Association (FSA) Cooperative Purchasing Program, at a cost of \$138,701.40.

Presenter(s): Alejandro "Alex" Gonzalez, P.E., Engineer II; and Janice "Nan" Bennett, P.E. Utilities Operations Manager

Staff Recommendation: Approve the purchase of Two (2) Trailer Mounted, Global 6-inch Wastewater Bypass Pumps & Accessories from Mersino Dewatering, LLC, of Jacksonville, FL, via "piggybacking" the FSA Cooperative Purchasing Program (Contract FSA23-EQu21.0), at a cost of \$138,701.40.

Strategic Themes: City Services and Infrastructure, Planning & Growth

Boards & Committees: N / A

Budget Impact: A Budget Adjustment / Budget Transfer (as noted in Exhibit D) is necessary for the Water / Wastewater Fund Acct. #441-5266-535-056401-WU, Project #522302 for FY25. The funds will be transferred from the Water / Wastewater Fund Acct. #441-5266-535-056301-WU, Project #529904 (\$128,152) & Wastewater Fund Acct. #441-5266-535-056301-WU, Project#522302 (\$72,323), for a total transfer of \$200,475. There is no change in net position as a result of these budget transfers.

Past Action: Commission most recently approved the purchase of Trailer Mounted Bypass Pumps under the same "piggyback" contract during their Work Session meeting on January 21, 2025, under Agenda Item #2.c.

Next Action: Issue a Purchase Order (PO) to Mersino Dewatering, LLC, subject to Commission approval of staff's recommendation.

Attachments:

[A. Purchasing Agent Memo.pdf](#)
[B. Mersino Quote - FSA SALE DUNEDIN.pdf](#)
[C. FSA Contract FSA23-EQu21.0 - \(6-in. Pump Bid Pricing\).pdf](#)
[D. BA-BT Request Form \(By-Pass Pumps\) - \(signed\).pdf](#)

Background:

The Wastewater Collections Division of the Utilities Department utilizes bypass pumps when performing maintenance, and during power outages in order to maintain the flow of sewage to the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), and to avoid sanitary sewer overflows (SSO's). The Collections Division has seven (7) existing trailer mounted bypass pumps [four (4) purchased in 2015, one (1) purchased in 2024, and two (2) in 2025] that remain in serviceable condition. The need for an additional two (eighth 7 ninth) trailer mounted bypass pumps was identified prior to the height of hurricane season. During an extensive power outage, the availability of bypass pumps are essential to maintaining continuity of operations. As such, increasing the number of trailer mounted bypass pumps in the fleet is a programmatic goal in order to ensure staff's ability to maintain service at the City's 47 lift stations during critical scenarios, such as widespread power outages post-hurricane.

Mobile pump packages such as the one budgeted by the City's Collections Division are included in the Florida Sheriffs Association (FSA) Cooperative Purchasing Program. FSA Contract FSA23-EQu21.0 has been competitively bid and is available to Florida municipalities to leverage the cooperative pricing offered. Collections staff have evaluated the specifications of the trailer mounted, Global Pump 6-inch bypass pump on this FSA contract, and find it to meet the Dunedin wastewater system needs at a competitive price. The sales representative at Mersino Dewatering, LLC has provided a quote for two (2) of the specified pumps, including the necessary accessories (float assembly, cam-locks, and solar panel), for a total package price of \$138,701.40.

The Purchasing Division has reviewed the quote and verified the terms and pricing are in accordance with the awarded FSA contract. An award to Mersino via "piggybacking" Florida Sheriffs Association Contract (#FSA-EQu21.0) will comply with the City's Purchasing Policy.

As such, staff hereby recommends Commission approval of the purchase of two (2) trailer mounted bypass pumps, as specified herein, from Mersino Dewatering LLC, of Jacksonville, FL, at a cost of \$138,701.40.