



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
YAKIMA, WASHINGTON
AGENDA STATEMENT**

Item No. 7.H.
For Meeting of: May 6, 2025

ITEM TITLE: Resolution authorizing the Sole Source Purchase of digester mixer motors and gear boxes from Whitney Equipment Company, Inc. for the City of Yakima Wastewater Division (Wastewater Facilities Capital)

SUBMITTED BY: Scott Schafer, Director of Public Works
*Mike Price, Wastewater/Stormwater Manager

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

Biosolids treatment at the City of Yakima (City) Wastewater Treatment Plant relies on an installed base of three digester mixers to meet permit requirements for the production of Class B biosolids for beneficial use. The existing mixer systems were installed in 1996 and have reached the end of their service lives.

The Wastewater Division is requesting a sole source authorization for the purchase of new mixer motors and gearboxes from Whitney Equipment Company, Inc. The proposed motors and gearboxes allow direct replacement of the existing components without costly structural modification of the digester roofs. In addition, the proposed replacement components allow re-use of the existing mixer shafts and impellers to further save on the overall replacement cost. As described in the attached Sole Source Justification form and letter, Whitney Equipment Company, Inc. is the sole authorized provider of warranted parts and repair services for the mixers and gearboxes in North America.

The City followed the requirements of RCW 39.04.280, the City Charter and the Yakima Municipal Code in identifying Whitney Equipment Company, Inc. as the sole source for these components in North America. The proposed purchase would be in an amount not to exceed \$505,680. The quote is attached for City Council review. The purchase of mixer motors and gearboxes are funded through Wastewater Capital Fund 472.

ITEM BUDGETED: Yes

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 24-25: A Resilient Yakima

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Resolution](#)

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