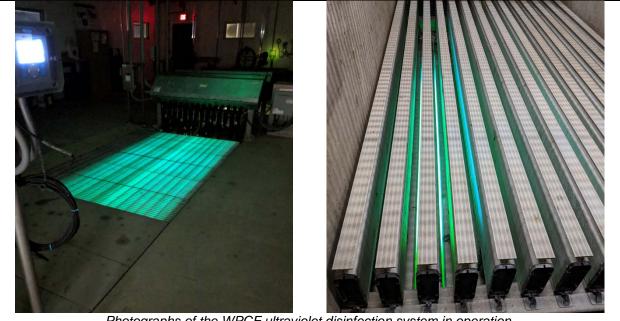
COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: PROCUREMENT OF UV BULBS AT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY

BACKGROUND:

In 2011, the discharge permit for the Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) was modified to require disinfection of the treated water prior to release back into the environment. The WPCF utilizes an ultraviolet (UV) disinfection technology. UV disinfection is critical to the treatment process and is the primary mechanism for the inactivation/destruction of pathogenic organisms to prevent the spread of waterborne diseases to downstream users.

The effectiveness of a UV disinfection system depends significantly on the intensity of UV radiation. The primary factor affecting the intensity is the age of the bulbs. As bulbs age, the light intensity drops off, reducing the efficiency of the disinfection process. The manufacturer recommends that bulbs be replaced every two years. To split the cost between fiscal years, staff recommends replacing half of the bulbs each year.



Photographs of the WPCF ultraviolet disinfection system in operation.

In the past, staff has purchased replacement bulbs from an aftermarket manufacturer. The bulbs performed poorly which led to difficulties with operation of the system. Moving forward, staff is recommending the purchase of replacement bulbs manufactured by TrojanUV, the original manufacturer of the UV system. W&PC staff worked with the

Purchasing Division to ensure this sole source purchase complies with the adopted Purchasing Policies.

Due to the large quantity of bulbs, staff has worked with the vendor to receive a price quote in the amount of \$50,746.26 for materials and \$500 for shipping, for a total price of \$51,246.26. Staff has budgeted \$125,500 for equipment repair items in the FY 2020/21 WPCF operations budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. A. Approve a waiver of the City's purchasing policy requirement for competitive bidding, thereby allowing sole source procurement of OEM bulbs for the UV disinfection system at the Water Pollution Control Facility.
 - B. Approve the award of the sole source procurement of bulbs from MC² of Des Moines, Iowa in the amount of \$51,246.26.
- 2. Direct staff to solicit quotations for replacement bulbs from an aftermarket manufacturer(s). Based on recent experience, staff believes that using non-OEM bulbs could jeopardize the performance of the disinfection system.
- 3. Do not authorize the procurement of replacement UV bulbs from any source at this time. Failure to replace the bulbs will eventually result in a violation of the WPCF's discharge permit and an increase in bacterial levels in the South Skunk River.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

As ultraviolet bulbs age, the light intensity drops off, reducing the efficiency of the disinfection process. Proper maintenance of the UV system, including timely replacement of the bulbs, helps protect water quality in the South Skunk River and ensures continued permit compliance. Because of recent experience with poor performance of bulbs purchased from aftermarket manufacturers, staff is recommending replacement bulbs be procured from the original equipment manufacturer. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.

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