



# City of Hollywood

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## Legislation Text

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A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Issue A Purchase Order To Sunstate Meter & Supply, Inc. For The Purchase Of Neptune Advance Metering Infrastructure Equipment And Related Software; Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute The Attached API License Agreement And N-Sight License And Service Agreement Between The City And Neptune Technology Group, Inc. For The Software And Training Of Said Equipment In Order To Replace The Existing Automated Meter Reading System In The Total Amount Of \$6,393,725.00 (Inclusive Of License Fees And 1<sup>st</sup> Year Maintenance); And Approving An Amendment To The Fiscal Year 2016 Capital Improvement Program, As Set Forth In The Attached Exhibit "A".

Staff Recommends: Approval of the attached Resolution.

### Explanation:

On January 9, 2008, the City Commission passed and adopted Resolution No. R-2008-005, authorizing the execution of the agreement between Johnson Controls, Inc. (JCI) and the City of Hollywood.

The Department of Public Utilities, acquired the existing Automated Meter Reading (AMR) system to provide meter reads used to bill the City's approximately 40,000 customers.

The City desires to replace the Meter Transmission Units (MTUs) that were installed as part of the agreement with JCI due to the high failure rate of the MTUs.

The MTU failures cause inconvenience to customers and require billing consumption estimates, the end result of which is degraded customer billing service.

The vendor has been unable to modify their product to reduce the failure rate of the MTUs.

Neptune has an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) System with Meter Interface Units (MIUs) that are fully potted and designed to operate in our hot, humid, wet environment.

Sunstate Meter and Supply, Inc. is the sole distributor for Neptune products in the State of

Florida.

The City has predominately installed Neptune meters that are compatible with the new Neptune Meter Reading system.

The Department of Public Utilities believes that it is in the best interest of the City to procure the AMI equipment manufactured by Neptune and sold through its representative, Sunstate Meter & Supply, Inc.

Section 38.40(C)(8) of the Code of Ordinances provides that purchases of, and contracts for, supplies or contractual services, when the Commission declares by a five-sevenths (5/7th) affirmative vote that competitive bidding and competitive proposals are not in the best interest of the City, are exempt from the competitive bidding and competitive proposal requirements of the Purchasing Ordinance.

The Director of Public Utilities and the Contract Compliance Officer recommend that the City Commission approve the issuance of a purchase order to Sunstate Meter & Supply, Inc. in a total amount of \$6,393,725.00 for the purchase of the equipment and respective software and training.

It is necessary to amend the approved Fiscal Year 2016 Capital Improvement Program as more specifically set forth in Exhibit A.

The account numbers will be established by the Department of Financial Services.

Recommended for inclusion on the agenda by:

Dr. Wazir A. Ishmael, City Manager

Gus Zambrano, Assistant City Manager/Sustainable Development, Office of the City Manager

George Keller, Interim Director, Financial Services

Steve Joseph, Director, Public Utilities

Paul Bassar, Contract Compliance Officer, Office of the City Manager