

Legislation Text

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Ultrasonic Water Meters

Action:

- A. Approve the purchase of Master Meter, Inc. Ultrasonic water meters, by the sole source exemption,**
- B. Approve a contract with Consolidated Pipe and Supply Company for the purchase of Master Meter, Inc. Ultrasonic water meters for the term of three years, and**
- C. Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.**

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Sole Source Exemption

- G.S. 143-129(e)(6) provides that formal bidding requirements do not apply when:
 - Performance or price competition are not available;
 - A needed product is available from only one source or supply; or
 - Standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration.
- Sole sourcing is necessary for this contract because there is only one supply source.
- The City Council must approve purchases made under the sole source exception.

Explanation

- This contract will provide for Ultrasonic 6-inch, 8-inch, 10-inch, and 12-inch solid-state water meters, to be used as a replacement for mechanical compound meters which are not compatible with current automated reading systems.
- Introduced to the market in 2010, Ultrasonic meters have equal performance to mechanical compound meters, but have a smaller footprint and lower cost, and are compatible with automated reading systems.
- Total annual expenditures are estimated to be \$800,000.

Charlotte Business INclusion

This is a sole source contract and is exempt (Part A: Appendix 1.27 of the Charlotte Business INclusion Policy).

Fiscal Note

Funding: Charlotte Water Capital Investment Plan