



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 19-2101, **Agenda Item #:** 43.

8/8/2019

### **Posting Language**

Approve ratification of expenditures with Austin Armature Works, LP, for wastewater pump repairs, in the amount of \$149,457.

(Note: This contract is exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

### **Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

### **Client Department(s)**

Austin Water.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding was available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget of Austin Water.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Ratification.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

July 10, 2019 - Reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

During heavy rains events in the spring and fall of 2018, trash and debris washed into the City's wastewater intake points affecting the South Austin Regional Transfer Lift Station. The South Austin Regional Transfer Lift Station has three pumps that transfer wastewater to the South Austin Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. As a result of the exponentially higher than normal trash and debris, two of the three pumps experienced severe damage.

In order to continue to provide services to Austin residents during this time, Austin Water wastewater operations staff removed the damaged pumps as they failed for evaluation. As the pumps were removed for evaluation it caused additional pump failures trying to maintain the production capacity. Austin Water rented stationary pumps to maintain production capacity while the primary pumps were being evaluated and repaired.

These expenditures for the pump repairs were performed in support of the protection of the environment, and public health and safety concerns. The amount of this ratification is based on the cumulative amount for all

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pump repairs over the City Manager's authority.