



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

**To:** Mayor Graham and City Council  
**From:** Dennis Sullivan, Director of Engineering & Public Works  
Walter Denton, City Administrator  
**Date:** November 21, 2005  
**Subject:** MOTION - Emergency WWTP Package Plant Repairs - Comminutor

**List of committees that have reviewed:** None

**Background:** Staff requested a quote from *Smith and Loveless* through *Municipal Equipment Company*, the local distributor for their equipment, for the purchase of one comminutor (waste grinder) for the waste water treatment plant's (WWTP) package plant operations. The package plant is a *Smith and Loveless* product and based on the opinion of HMG Engineers who provide us consultation on the plant, they recommended going with the original equipment manufacture's (OEM) replacement part.

This is an emergency purchase as the existing comminutor is beyond repair. In addition to the urgency of repairs due to operational reasons, the City is in process of having the waste water treatment plant re-rated to include volume / treatment capabilities of the package plant that was not included in the past rating effort. Therefore, the appearance and functional capability of the package plant needs to match our submittal package if IEPA were to conduct an inspection prior to re-rating approval.

**Legal Considerations, if any:** Normal considerations for awarding a sole source purchase order.

**Budget Impact:** Funds are available in the FY-06 City Operating Budget as part of the WWTP repair and operations budget.

**Staff recommendation:** Approve authorization of \$31,182 for purchase of a replacement comminutor for the WWTP package plant.