



MEETING OF JANUARY 3, 2023

TO: Mayor Jordan and City Council
THRU: Susan Norton, Chief of Staff
FROM: Timothy Nyander, Utilities Director
DATE: December 16, 2022
SUBJECT: REPEAL ORD 3696/WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR UTILITIES DEPARTMENT PURCHASES

RECOMMENDATION:

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 3696 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO WAIVE ANY REQUIREMENT FOR COMPETITIVE BIDDING OR MORE THAN ONE QUOTE TO PURCHASE PLUMBING PIPES, FITTINGS, WATER METERS, FIRE HYDRANTS, MANHOLES AND THEIR COVERS, COATINGS, AND HARDWARE NEEDED BY THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT THROUGH 2026

BACKGROUND:

The Water & Sewer Department must quickly react to the unforeseen need for many types and sizes of plumbing repair fittings, hardware, and pipes in order to immediately repair water and sewer mains throughout Fayetteville, Farmington, Greenland, Johnson, and certain areas of the county. The Water & Sewer Department has been operating pursuant to Ordinance No. 3696 passed in 1993 which waived competitive bidding for such pipes, fittings, and hardware because suppliers would not provide a reasonable price for such items on an annual basis.

DISCUSSION:

Ordinance No. 3696 did not cover all of the different pipes, pipe fittings, hardware made from numerous materials now needed by the Water & Sewer Department and the original Ordinance should be repealed and replaced with this proposed ordinance.

Suppliers for these emergency repair items will not agree to long term pricing, so competitive bidding is not feasible and some parts might be available only from a single source so obtaining more than one quote might be impossible. Supplies of these items in storage can be exhausted by large repair projects such that their replenishment must be accomplished quickly to be ready for the next required repair project.

Staff recommends approving an ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 3696 and to waive formal competitive bidding and the requirement to obtain three quotes for pipes, pipe fittings, hardware, coating, water meters, fire hydrants, manholes and their covers and fittings through December 31, 2026.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

Staff recommends an ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 3696 and to authorize the City to waive any requirement for competitive bidding or more than one quote to purchase plumbing pipes, fittings, water meters,

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and hardware needed by the Water and Sewer Department through 2026.

ATTACHMENTS: ORD - REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 3696