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Mr. Dale Tech
Acting Public Works Director
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Dear Dale,

I am requesting Council approval for the purchase of two Trunnion Roller assemblies for \$16,302.00 each. In our work to obtain these critical parts, I submitted these for purchase after obtaining quotes versus formal bids. I had assumed that we were under the \$50,000 minimum bid limit and realized after the material was received that the limit was \$25,000.

I have conferred with the City Attorney's office and their advice was to request Council approve the purchase. Attempting to bid the trunnions and not paying for the ones already received would likely cost the City twice as much, including potential litigation from the vendor that was authorized to provide these parts.

The quotes received for the trunnions were:

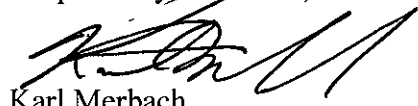
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| 1. Keppel Seghers, Inc. | \$16,302.00 each |
| 2. Phillips Kiln Service | \$17,500.00 each |
| 3. Siemens Water Technologies | \$59,600.00 each |

The parts are a specialty item and were manufactured specifically for our Drums. Therefore returning these parts is not advised, as our vendor acted in good faith.

The two DANO drums have four trunnions each and carry the entire weight of the drums and garbage (150 tons) when operating. One of the trunnions scheduled for replacement presently has a crack in the unit, which we have been monitoring for signs of change. The new trunnions are scheduled to be installed this fall and future plans involve replacing two per year until all are new.

My apologies to the City for any inconvenience this may have created. Should you need further information, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Merbach', written over the printed name.

Karl Merbach
Superintendent, Solid Waste Operations

cc: Amber Sitts
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