



# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Gary D. Greer  
City Manager

DATE: February 3, 2015

SUBJECT: Purchase of Replacement Camera Van

The FY 2014-15 Fixed Asset Fund for vehicle/equipment replacement includes one replacement camera van for the Public Works Utilities Division. The camera van is a mission critical vehicle, used to camera sewer lines throughout the City to comply with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) requirement to photograph 75,000 feet of sewer line annually. In addition, the sewer line assessment identifies potential issues needing to schedule future repairs to prevent service issues. The vehicle being replaced meets the recommended replacement criteria based on life cycle costs, age, and utilization and supports the City of Farmers Branch Core Value #5.

This camera van is utilized on a daily basis, idling an estimated 73% of the actual engine run time. Every hour of idling is equivalent to 25 miles of driving, which translates to 115,200 miles additional wear and tear on the vans engine. The current camera system mounted in the van requires replacement due to continual downtime issues with equipment, increased cost to maintain, and the need to upgrade the camera system technology.

Possible Council Action:

1. I move to approve Resolution No. 2015-012 authorizing the City Manager to approve the purchase of one replacement camera van for the Public Works Utilities Division in the total amount of \$286,115.
2. I move to approve Resolution No. 2015-012 authorizing the City Manager to approve the purchase of one replacement camera van for the Public Works Utilities Division in the total amount of \$286,115 with modifications
3. I move to table the item or take no action.