TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Patty Wong, Interim Director of Library Services

SUBJECT: ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIFICATIONS AND AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE REPLACEMENT PURCHASE OF ONE (1) TRANSIT BUS STYLE BOOKMOBILE TO OBS, INC. (PUR 05-026)

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution approving specifications and awarding a contract for the replacement purchase of one (1) Transit Bus Style Bookmobile to OBS, Inc. in the amount of $193,512.24.

Summary

Authorize the replacement purchase of one (1) Transit Bus Style Bookmobile from OBS, Inc. The proposed bookmobile will be utilized by the Department of Library Services personnel to provide services to library customers in City of Stockton designated neighborhoods and rural areas of San Joaquin County.

The cost of this proposed bookmobile will be $193,512.24 and will be paid from the Fleet Internal Service Fund, Account No. 501-5060-670.80-02.

DISCUSSION

Background

The proposed bookmobile will replace equipment numbers 1610 and 1611, a 1984 model truck chassis with a 1984 model bookmobile body. This combined vehicle has 115,000 miles on the odometer. The engine is using increasing amounts of oil, the cab body is worn and parts are difficult to obtain. The bookmobile body is no longer in production and replacement parts are non-existent, the generator and air conditioning units have become unreliable and the interior is in need of complete refurbishment. Once replaced, this unit will be stripped out and sold at auction.

The new bookmobile will be assigned to the Department of Library Services. Trained Library staff members will use it to provide services to Library customers in designated neighborhoods in Stockton and in rural areas of San Joaquin County. Service is primarily provided on a biweekly basis to approximately
twelve sites per week; customers borrow and return books and materials, request items, ask questions, and, with staff intervention, can access internet reference sources from this perennially popular service.

Present Situation

On May 5, 2005 two (2) bids were opened with the following results:

OBS, Inc. $193,512.24
P.O. Box 6210
Canton, OH 44706

Matthews Specialty Vehicles, Inc $216,293.76
101 S. Swing Road
Greensboro, NC 27409

The bid submitted by OBS, Inc. is regular in all respects and meets the City’s specifications. As information, bid notices were sent to four (4) prospective bidders (see attachment ‘A’). Additionally, the project was advertised on the City’s Web site and in the Legal Notice section of The Record.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Sufficient funds are available in the Fleet Internal Service Fund, Account No. 501-5060-670.80-02 for this replacement purchase.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Wong
Interim Director Of Library Services

APPROVED BY CITY MANAGER:

Mark Lewis, Esq.
City Manager
CHICAGO BUS SALES
4700 MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE
CRESTWOOD, IL  60445

MATTHEWS SPECIALTY VEHICLES
6116 MENDENHALL ROAD
ARCHDALE, NC  27263

LDV
180 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE
BURLINGTON, WI  53105

OBS, INC.
ATTN: BARBARA FERNE
1324 TUSCARAWAS STREET WEST
P.O. BOX 6210
CANTON, OH  44706
Resolution No. ____________

STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIFICATIONS AND AWARDING A CONTRACT TO OBS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) TRANSIT BUS STYLE BOOKMOBILE (PUR 05-026) IN THE AMOUNT OF $193,512.24,

WHEREAS, the City Clerk of the City of Stockton did, on May 5, 2005, open, examine and publicly declare the sealed proposal(s) or bid(s) offered for the purchase of ONE (1) TRANSIT BUS STYLE BOOKMOBILE FOR THE CITY OF STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA (PUR 05-026) by the City of Stockton; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the specifications contained in the bid for the purchase of ONE (1) TRANSIT BUS STYLE BOOKMOBILE FOR THE CITY OF STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA (PUR 05-026) are incorporated herein by reference and are hereby approved and adopted.

2. That the contract for the purchase of ONE (1) TRANSIT BUS STYLE BOOKMOBILE FOR THE CITY OF STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA (PUR 05-026) by the City of Stockton is hereby awarded to: OBS, INC., in the amount of $193,512.24.

3. That the bid of OBS, INC. meets the particular requirements of the City of Stockton for said purchase referred to herein, and is of a quality, fitness, and capacity, which best serves the requirements of the City of Stockton.

4. That the City Manager of the City of Stockton is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Stockton with

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OBS, INC., in accordance with said bid and the specifications hereinabove adopted by the City Council.

5. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to return to each of the unsuccessful bidders (if any), the bidder’s bonds, certified checks, and cashier’s checks, which accompanied their respective bids for the above-mentioned purchase.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED ____________________________.

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EDWARD J. CHAVEZ
Mayor of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:

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KATHERINE GONG MEISSNER
City Clerk of the City of Stockton