ITEM TITLE:

A resolution accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award RFP 2024-046 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations to Blink Network, LLC., the highest ranked responsive and responsible proposer, pursuant to Section 2-763 of the Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award" and Request for Proposal (RFP) 2024-046.

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

BRIEF HISTORY:

The purpose of this RFP is to establish a contract with a qualified and experienced professional firm ("Proposer") for the installation, operation and maintenance of self-service AC Level 2 and/or Level 3 DC Fast Charge electric vehicle charging stations for use in parking facilities. Services will be provided on a 24-hour, 365 day a year basis with sufficient resources and personnel to successfully support and maintain the program

On November 19, 2024, the Procurement Division of Finance formally advertised, issued, and distributed Request for Proposal (RFP) 2024-046 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. Sixty-seven (67) prospective proposers were notified through INFOR, the City's web-based e-Procurement system.

On January 17, 2024, five (5) firms submitted proposals in response to the RFP: Blink Network, LLC., EvGateway, Jolt Charge, Inc., Power Pump and Smart City Capital, LLC.

The responses were reviewed by the Procurement Division in order to determine responsiveness to the requirements of the RFP. During the review, it was determined by Procurement, after consulting with the City Attorney's office, that Power Pump and Smart City Capital, LLC., would be deemed non-responsive based on their failure to provide the required minimum qualifications.

On April 8, 2025, the Evaluation Committee convened to evaluate the three (3) responsive and responsible proposals and ranked the firms in the following order: Blink Network, LLC., (top ranked), Jolt Charge, Inc., (second ranked) and EvGateway (third ranked). The Evaluation Committee determined that Blink Network, LLC., was the highest ranked responsive-responsible proposer.

The Evaluation Committee further recommended that should negotiations fail with Blink Network, LLC., negotiations could be conducted with the next two ranked firms, Jolt Charge, Inc., and EvGateway.

The Chief Procurement Officer recommends accepting the Evaluation Committee's recommendation to award and negotiate an agreement with Blink Network, LLC., for RFP 2024-046 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations for an initial period of five (5) years with the option to renew for one (1) additional two (2) year period exercisable at the option of the City Manager in an amount not to exceed the available budget.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
1.	\$90,000.00	1-460-8120-545-6203	Parking Funds
Total:	\$90,000.00		

Fiscal Impact:

There is no upfront cost to the City for entering into a contract to replace the current EV charging stations. While revenue projections are still being developed, we anticipate a 50/50 revenue share once terms are finalized. The City will cover the cost of electricity for the stations, and negotiations on the full agreement are still underway.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution