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Alder. David Maack, Chairperson
Public Works and Services Committee
Racine, WI

Re: Waive Formal Bidding for the Purchase of Neenah Foundry Sewer Related Materials

Dear Alder Jones:

Staff is requesting that formal bidding procedures be waived for the purchase of Neenah Foundry Products.

Staff requests that the Purchasing Agent be authorized and directed to negotiate for the purchase of Neenah Foundry products including (i) sewer inlets, (ii) manhole covers, (iii) manhole frames, and (iv) catch basins. The City of Racine has utilized Neenah Foundry products for the sewer systems for decades. Neenah foundry is the sole provider for replacements.

These negotiations will be done on an as-needed basis with funding available in 2026 Org Obj 22640-57560 Sanitary Sewer, and 2026 Org Obj 60484 57570 Storm Sewers.

Sincerely,

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