RESOLUTION NO. 6570

A RESOLUTION APPROVING EXEMPTION FROM THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO LOW FLOOR BUSES THROUGH AN EXISTING INTERSTATE COOPERATIVE CONTRACT WITH WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE SERVICES AND GILLIG LLC; ISSUING A NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD CONTRACT WITH GILLIG LLC; AND AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$840,240 WITH GILLIG LLC.

WHEREAS, the Albany Transit System (ATS) has received a federal grant to replace one transit bus; and

WHEREAS, the current bus used for ATS has over 420,000 miles, is at the end of its useful life, and will be disposed; and

WHEREAS, the Linn Benton Loop (Loop) has received an ODOT grant to replace one transit bus; and

WHEREAS, the current bus used for the Loop has over 710,000 miles, is at the end of its useful life, and will be disposed; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services, (WSDES), conducted a formal, competitive, Request for Proposals for Low Floor Buses and awarded a contract to Gillig LLC on July 24, 2015; and

WHEREAS, WSDES's contract with Gillig LLC allows other public entities to use the terms and conditions of their contract, pursuant to ORS Chapter 279A.220, interstate cooperative procurements, and OAR 137-046-0400 through 480; and

WHEREAS, the City has authorization from WSDES to use the contract between Gillig LLC and WSDES to purchase two 40-foot, low floor buses from Gillig LLC for \$840,240; and

WHEREAS, purchasing two low floor buses through the competitively bid contract between Gillig LLC and WSDES would provide significant cost savings, would not reduce competition or give favoritism, and would be in the best interest of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department is prepared to issue a Notice of Intent for the purchase of two 40-foot, low-floor buses from Gillig LLC and advertise the Notice for seven days prior to awarding a contract; and

WHEREAS, if the City does not receive any formal protests to the Notice of Intent to award, the Public Works Operations Director may award the purchase of two low floor buses to Gillig LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Albany City Council authorizes the Public Works Department an exemption from the competitive bidding process for the purchase of two low floor buses through an existing cooperative contract with WSDES and Gillig LLC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Albany City Council authorizes the Public Works Department to issue a Notice of Intent to Award to Gillig LLC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Albany City Council authorizes the Public Works Operations Director to enter into a contract not to exceed \$840,240 with Gillig LLC to purchase two low floor buses, subject to no formal protests during the seven-day Notice of Intent to Award Contract.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 8TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2017.

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ATTEST:

City Clerk