

RESOLUTION NO. 3235

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE BID REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 24-PASSENGER TOUR BUS.**

**THE CITY OF ALBANY HEREBY FINDS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. A private tour company (Affordable Tours, Inc.) has offered to sell a 1989 Ford Champion 24-passenger tour bus to the City of Albany. Affordable Tours, Inc. contacted the City because they need to liquidate the bus in order to purchase a new bus.

2. The Albany Senior Center Tour Program requires a vehicle which is fully equipped as a tour bus. It is in the best interest of the City of Albany to replace the existing 1983 model tour bus with a newer and more fully-equipped tour bus which will maximize the efficiency of the Senior Center Tour Program and minimize future maintenance expenses.

3. Although there may be other used buses available on the open market, most are equipped for general transportation purposes and are not equipped to facilitate escorted tours. The bus intended for purchase has two escort seats and a rear compartment with a capacity of 30 full-sized pieces of luggage. The bus ideally suits the needs of the Senior Center Tour Program.

4. The City of Albany is not aware of any vehicle dealers in Linn or Benton Counties with a new or used bus which is fully equipped for escorted tours.

5. The tour company (Affordable Tours, Inc.) sold the existing Senior Center tour bus to the City of Albany and has proven to be a reliable vendor. The City can purchase a 1989 Ford Champion tour bus directly from Affordable Tours, Inc. and not have to pay a commission to a dealer.

6. The intended vehicle purchase is a unique opportunity because Affordable Tours, Inc., the original owner of the bus, is willing to sell it at a substantially-reduced price. The current retail price for a 1989 Ford Champion 24-passenger tour bus is approximately \$29,950.00. Affordable Tours, Inc. has offered to sell their 1989 Ford Champion 24-passenger tour bus to the City of Albany for \$19,875.00.

7. The purchase of the bus without competitive bidding is in the public interest. The purchase will result in a substantial savings to the City and is unlikely to cause favoritism.

8. Emergency conditions as set forth above now exist, requiring prompt execution of a contract.


NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Albany City Council, acting as the Contract Review Board, hereby declares an emergency and authorizes the execution of a contract without competitive bidding as provided for by the provisions of Section 2.64.060 of the Albany Municipal Code, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City staff are hereby authorized to negotiate the purchase of the 1989 Ford Champion 24-passenger tour bus from Affordable Tours, Inc. at a price not to exceed \$19,875.00.

DATED THIS 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1993



Gene Belhumeur, Mayor



Norm C. Withrow  
Deputy City Recorder