



PURCHASE OF UP TO 45 EV CHARGERS FROM CHAEVI CO, LTD OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

General Services Department

City Council
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MOU



- November 4, 2025 – Council approved non-binding MOU with Chaevi Co., Ltd.
- Attracted foreign investment aligned with City's economic and environmental objectives
- Helps City expand local EV charger access
- City committed to present approval for up to 45 Chaevi EV chargers for Council's consideration



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CHAEVI CHARGERS

- Direct Current Fast Charging (DCFC) “Level 3”
- User-friendly
- Rapid charging
- Ideal for public EV charging
- Now a local company!



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POTENTIAL CITY LOCATIONS

Site	# of Existing Chargers*	Maximum # of Chargers Site Can Support
Casa Blanca Library/Customer Resource Center	1	7
New Eastside Library	0	3
Orange Terrace Community Park	1	4
City Parking Garage 7 (Fox Entertainment Plaza)	2	5
City Corporation Yard Public Fuel Island	1	3
Riverside Convention Center	1	10
City Hall garage	2	5
City Hall surface parking lot (located behind the lobby)	1	11
Museum of Riverside (Parking lot 16)	0	10
Riverside Airport (north parking lot)	1	16
Total	10	74



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POTENTIAL LOCATIONS

- Identified by RPU as areas with energy availability
- RPU high-level analysis of infrastructure indicates \$5M - \$12M in off-site improvements needed
- Engineering services needed to determine on-site infrastructure needs for each location (additional transformers, switchgear, panel upgrades, parking lot reconfiguration, etc.)
 - General Services and Purchasing are drafting an RFP
 - Engineered drawings increase City's grant competitiveness
- Engineering may help narrow list to ideal locations



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RPU REBATE PROGRAM

- RPU has participated in CARB's Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) Program since 2018
- RPU earns credits for residential EV charging
- Credits must be used to benefit current and future EV users
- April 27, 2026 – Board of Public Utilities unanimously voted to recommend that Council approve an increase for the "EV Charger Installation at Public Facilities Program" to bring the total program to \$3.5M



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RPU REBATE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

- Chaevi chargers are eligible for RPU's rebate
- City must install the chargers within 3 years of the purchase date
- Potential for LCFS funds to provide a future rebate for a portion of needed infrastructure investment



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NEXT STEPS

- Issue RFP for engineering services and select a firm
- Engineering services for each location – “Shovel Ready”
- Seek grant funding to support infrastructure investments
- Bid and award infrastructure construction
- Negotiate warranty, operations & maintenance, and profit-sharing agreements



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FISCAL IMPACT

- Purchase price of 45 EV chargers from Chaevi is \$1,957,500 with sales tax
- Costs of off-site and on-site infrastructure improvements, service upgrades, other site improvements, engineering, etc., will be brought before Council with bids/RFPs for that work



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. By at least five affirmative votes, waive formal procurement in accordance with Purchasing Resolution 24101, Section 602(k), and approve the purchase of up to 45 electric vehicle chargers from Chaevi Co., Ltd., in the amount of \$1,957,500;
2. By at least five affirmative votes, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record a supplemental appropriation and interfund transfer in amount of \$1,957,500 from the General Fund Infrastructure Reserve Account to the Capital Outlay Fund, Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Project revenue and expenditure accounts; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute any purchase orders, agreements, and other documents to effectuate the purchase of the electric vehicle chargers, including making minor and non-substantive changes.



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