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AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting May 5, 2026

DATE: May 5, 2026

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Heavy Equipment Rentals for Public Works

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing execution of a 15-month cooperative service agreement with Nueces Farm Center, Inc., dba Nueces Power Equipment, of Corpus Christi, through the BuyBoard Cooperative, in an amount up to \$210,000.00 for heavy equipment rentals to be utilized by the Public Works Department, with FY 2026 funding of \$70,000.00 from the Street Maintenance Fund and Storm Water Fund to the extent expended.

SUMMARY:

Public Works is seeking to obtain an equipment rental contract to ensure operational readiness for routine operations, special projects, and urgent needs.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

To ensure operational readiness and service continuity, the Public Works Department is seeking to establish an equipment rental contract for Fiscal Year 2026, with two optional one-year extensions. This contract will support routine operations, special projects, and urgent, non-disaster-related needs across the Street Operations and Stormwater Divisions.

The contract, valued at \$210,000.00 and jointly funded by Street Operations and Stormwater, will provide access to heavy equipment, such as sweepers, skid steers, backhoes, and other machinery, on an as-needed basis.

Although the City has resources available for emergency situations, Street Operations and Stormwater regularly encounter operational needs that fall outside of emergency declarations. A separate rental contract is necessary to maintain continuity during regular maintenance activities, capital projects, and weather-related, non-emergency situations.

The department also does not maintain backup units for most equipment types. When equipment becomes unavailable due to routine maintenance or repairs, work production can be significantly impacted. Fleet Services supports the entire organization, and turnaround times can extend equipment

downtime. A supplemental rental contract ensures the department can continue meeting service expectations without interruption when critical equipment is temporarily out of service.

To meet these needs, the department recommends entering into a rental agreement with Nueces Power Equipment (NPE). NPE has a proven record of reliability, availability, and responsiveness, and has consistently supported the department during high-demand periods.

This contract will enhance operational flexibility and readiness by providing:

- Immediate access to equipment needed to maintain service levels
- Reduced downtime when primary equipment is undergoing maintenance or repair
- Support for special projects and unplanned operational demands
- A dependable rental source familiar with departmental needs

By securing this contract in advance, the department will be able to maintain consistent service delivery and avoid delays during both planned and unplanned operations.

PROCUREMENT DETAIL:

This procurement is through the BuyBoard Cooperative. Contracts awarded through the BuyBoard Cooperative have been competitively procured in compliance with local and state procurement requirements.

Nueces Farm Center Inc., dba Nueces Power Equipment under the BuyBoard Cooperative, offers a 10% discount off the published book rates on heavy equipment rentals.

Nueces Farm Center Inc., dba Nueces Power Equipment, rents all necessary equipment to Public Works for maintaining operations and completing projects as needed, rather than creating multiple rental agreements with various vendors.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to approve this agreement; the Public Works Department will lack the necessary equipment to meet project requirements. Waiting for equipment to become available may prolong production and extend project deadlines.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Public Works is seeking a 15-month contract for \$210,000.00, with \$70,000.00 in FY 2026 in the Street Maintenance (\$46,000.00) and Storm Water (\$24,000.00) Funds.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund: 4300 Storm Water Fund
Organization/Activity: 32005 SWO Channel Maintenance
Department: 47 Storm Water
Account: 530160 Rentals
Project # (CIP only): N/A
Cost: \$24,000.00

Fund: 1041 Street Maintenance Fund
Organization/Activity: 12430 Surface Paving & Preservation
Department: 33 Streets
Account: 530160 Rentals
Project # (CIP only): N/A
Cost: \$23,000.00

Fund: 1041 Street Maintenance Fund
Organization/Activity: 12420 Street Maintenance
Department: 33 Streets
Account: 530160 Rentals

Project # (CIP only): N/A
Cost: \$23,000.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this motion as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Price Sheet
Purchase Agreement