



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting September 15, 2020

DATE: September 15, 2020

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Purchase of Brush Chipper for Parks and Recreation

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing the purchase of a replacement 15" brush chipper from Vermeer Texas-Louisiana, Corpus Christi, TX, to be utilized to chip/mulch brush collected during maintenance of City parks by the Parks and Recreation Department and serve as replacement equipment for a total amount of \$67,440.00, with FY 2020 funding available through the General Fund.

SUMMARY:

This motion will allow the City to purchase a 15" brush chipper for the Parks and Recreation Department through the Sourcewell Cooperative. This item is a replacement for older equipment. The equipment will be used to chip/mulch brush collected during maintenance of City parks.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Parks and Recreation Department currently has an operational requirement for the purchase of one Vermeer BC1500 15" brush chipper. Parks and Recreation currently does not have a brush chipper as previous brush chippers were deemed irreparable past their service life by Fleet Maintenance. It will be used to chip/mulch brush collected during maintenance of City parks. The mulch is then used around trees and other landscape areas at the City's parks. This new unit will replace a unit that was has been sold at auction and was 29 years old, past its expected service life of 7 years.

This procurement is through the Sourcewell Cooperative. Contracts awarded through the Sourcewell Cooperative have been competitively procured, in compliance with Texas local and state procurement requirements. The total amount of \$67,440.00 includes a "Freight & Prep" fee for the equipment.

ALTERNATIVES:

The equipment can be rented. However, this will not be cost effective for the long-term, and the equipment may not be readily available when needed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact in FY 2020 is a total amount of \$67,440.00 for the purchase of the brush chipper with funding available from the General Fund.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund:	1020	General Fund
Organization/Activity:	12910	Park Operations
Mission Element:	141	Manage & Maintain Parks & Rec Facilities
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	550020	Vehicles & Machinery

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this purchase with Vermeer Texas-Louisiana for the purchase of a brush chipper as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Price Sheet