



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – April 4, 2018

Agenda Item 2A

Voting Session (Consent Agenda)

Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Purchase of a Leaf Vacuum

Recommended Council Action

Approve Ordinance

Context with Key Issues

The Fiscal Year 2018 budget includes funding for the purchase of a leaf vacuum. This is a scheduled replacement of one of the City's six leaf collection vacuums. The equipment has an expected life of ten years.

Old Dominion Brush Company has been designated as the sole source supplier for leaf vacuums for the City since 1999. They are the only company that manufactures this equipment to meet the City's needs and specifications.

Council Priority

Engaged, Responsive and Service-Oriented Government

Environmental Impact of Action

The collection of leaves reduces clogging and pollution of the storm drain system. The collected leaves are ground and provided as mulch for use as a soil amendment. Each year, all the collected leaves and resulting mulch are used by residents and those outside the City through self-hauling as well as delivery. The equipment uses diesel fuel and the city uses an environmentally preferred blend of bio-diesel which is 20% soy oil and 80% diesel fuel.

Fiscal Impact of Action

This purchase will be made through the Equipment Replacement Reserve and funds are available within the reserve to cover the cost of the equipment. The actual purchase price is higher than the original budgeted amount.

Racial Equity Impact Statement

The purchase and use of this equipment will not disproportionately impact any particular group.

Attachments and Links

Single Reading Ordinance

Introduced by:

Single Reading:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 2018-
PURCHASE OF A LEAF VACUUM
FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2018 budget included \$29,000 for the purchase of one leaf vacuum for the Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager determined in 1999 that Old Dominion Brush Company may serve as the sole source supplier of leaf vacuums for the City of Takoma Park; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved a Resolution in 1999 supporting the City Manager's determination that Old Dominion Brush Company is the sole source supplier of leaf vacuums; and

WHEREAS, Old Dominion Brush Company has quoted the purchase price for a side loading leaf vacuum in the amount of Thirty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars and 98 Cents (\$31,779.98); and

WHEREAS, Old Dominion Brush Company has supplied the City with leaf vacuum equipment since 1995; and

WHEREAS, Old Dominion Brush Company has been a responsible and responsive vendor, and the City leaf collection staff has been very pleased with the operation of its products.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT:

SECTION 1. The quote submitted by Old Dominion Brush Company for Thirty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars and 98 Cents (\$31,779.98) is accepted.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this ____ day of April, 2018 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: