



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – June 19, 2019 Agenda Item 2

Voting Session

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

Recommended Council Action

Approve the ordinance.

Context with Key Issues

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. The City maintains a fleet of 6 leaf vacuums. They have an expected life of 10 years. The City funds replacement of this equipment in the Equipment Replacement Reserve (ERR).

The Public Works Department was scheduled to replace a Leaf Collection Vacuum in FY20, however, staff made an error and ordered the equipment in FY19. The Department is requesting Council approval, after the fact, for the purchase of the Leaf Collection Vacuum in FY19. The item will be removed from the FY20 ERR budget. Future years' replacement will remain in FY30 for this piece of equipment.

Council Priority

Engaged, Responsive and Service-Oriented Government

Environmental Considerations

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 Considerations

This purchase will be made through the Equipment Replacement Reserve and funds are available within the reserve to cover the cost of the equipment.

Racial Equity Considerations

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

Attachments and Links

Single Reading Ordinance

Introduced by:

Single Reading

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-

**PURCHASE OF A LEAF VACUUM
FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2019 budget included sufficient funds in the Equipment Replacement reserve for the purchase of a 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 Administrator'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-Five Thousand, Four Hundred and Eight Dollars (\$35,408); 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-Five Thousand Four Hundred Eight Dollars (\$35,408); is accepted.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this ___ day of June 2019, by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: