



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – April 15, 2020 Agenda Item 3

Voting Session

Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing Purchase of a Replacement 22 Passenger Van for the Recreation Department

Recommended Council Action

Approve the ordinance.

Context with Key Issues

The Fiscal Year 2020 budget includes funding for the purchase of a large passenger van for the Recreation Department. This procurement is a replacement for Vehicle 243, purchased in 2007. Replacement of the vehicle was recommended by the Vehicle Replacement Review Committee of City staff.

Staff identified a Montgomery County contract that it could participate on for the purchase of this vehicle. The approved dealer is Apple Ford. The purchase price for the gasoline version, at the County Contract rate, is \$75,100. The manufacturer does provide a hybrid electric option that would reduce fuel use by approximately 25%. The additional cost for the hybrid option is \$16,900. Currently the van is driven 2,000 to 2,500 miles annually. The fuel savings from use of the hybrid version would result in a payback of the added cost of about 10 years. Given the Council's goal of reducing fossil fuel use, the Department recommends proceeding with the hybrid model at a cost of \$92,000.

Staff also researched the possibility of purchasing a fully electric vehicle. The Green Power Company offers a similar vehicle – EV Star, through Apple Ford. The anticipated price was approximately \$200,000 and the current lead time for orders is two years. As a result of the delay and high cost, we recommend purchasing the hybrid vehicle. The Recreation Department's small activity bus is scheduled for replacement in FY22 and we anticipate more E options at that time.

Council Priority

Engaged, Responsive and Service-Oriented Government

Environmental Considerations

This vehicle is a hybrid electric vehicle. A fully electric van would be cost significantly more and there is a long lead time before such a vehicle could be delivered.

Fiscal Considerations

Funding in the amount of \$78,136 was allocated in the Equipment Replacement Reserve. The purchase of the hybrid model will require additional allocation of funding.

Racial Equity Considerations

The availability of the large passenger van enables the Recreation Department to offer transportation services to a wide range of program participants including children and seniors.

Attachments and Links

Single Reading Ordinance

Introduced by:

Single Reading:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK
ORDINANCE NO. 2020-**

**AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR
PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT 22 PASSENGER VAN**

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2020 budget included funds of \$78,136 for the replacement of the 22 passenger van for the Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, the Department has identified a Montgomery County contract that the City can participate on for the purchase; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle is available with a hybrid option, at an added cost and with the expected reduction of fuel use by 25%; and

WHEREAS, this is a cooperative purchase and competitive bidding by the City is not required; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the quote provided by Apple Ford through the Montgomery County contract is both responsive and responsible.

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

Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to enter into a contract in the amount of NINETY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$92,000) through Apple Ford for the purchase of the 22-passenger hybrid electric van.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this ____ day of XX, 2020.

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NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: