



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – April 28, 2021 Agenda Item 3A

Work Session

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

Recommended Council Action

Consider the ordinance.

Context with Key Issues

The City maintains a fleet of six leaf vacuums. They have an expected life of 10 years. The City funds replacement of this equipment in the Equipment Replacement Reserve (ERR). The FY21 Equipment Replacement Reserve budget included funding for the replacement of one leaf collection vacuum.

Previously, the City had designated Old Dominion Brush (ODB) as a sole source supplier of the leaf vacuum used by the City. We recently learned of a second company manufacturing a similar leaf collection machine. As a result, we are no longer designating ODB as a sole source supplier and instead solicited bids from the two companies. The following bids were received:

Old Dominion Brush	\$52,964.85
Atlantic Machinery Inc.	\$56,147.00

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, stored at Public Works and are available to the public as mulch for use as a soil amendment. The City provides mulch delivery for a fee and many residents and others self-haul. 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. 2021-

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

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2021 budget included sufficient funds in the Equipment Replacement reserve for the purchase of a leaf vacuum for the Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the City procurement procedures, the Public Works Department solicited proposals for purchase of one side loading leaf vacuum; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purchase are included in the Equipment Replacement Reserve; and

WHEREAS, two vendors provided bids and Old Dominion Brush provided the lowest bid; and

WHEREAS, the quote provided by Old Dominion Brush Company is considered responsive and responsible.

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 Fifty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents (\$52,964.85) is accepted.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this ___ day of May, 2021 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: