

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-041

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A 2026 FORD F-350 4X4 XLT FOR THE FORESTRY DIVISION, AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF UNIT #0402, AND AMENDING THE 2026 CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND BUDGET

Unit #0402, a 2007 Ford F-150 originally purchased for the Engineering Department and later reassigned to the Forestry Division, has exceeded its useful life expectancy and incurred approximately \$25,282 in maintenance and repair costs. Replacement of the vehicle is necessary to maintain reliable forestry operations.

Public Works staff identified a replacement vehicle through the State of Minnesota Cooperative Purchasing Program and recommend the purchase of a 2026 Ford F-350 4x4 XLT from Midway Ford in the amount of \$61,631.62. Staff also recommend forestry-specific vehicle upfitting from Surefitters in the amount of \$12,178.47.

The City Council approved the 2026 Capital Equipment Fund 431 budget, which included \$525,000 for the replacement of a Toro Groundsmaster mower, a Western Star dump truck, and a Ford F-350 pickup truck.

Following adoption of the 2026 budget, equipment costs increased due to tariffs, inflationary pressures, and market conditions. As a result, the total cost of the approved equipment purchases exceeds the adopted budget by \$62,906.59.

The proposed budget amendment would increase authorized Capital Equipment Fund expenditures from \$525,000 to \$587,906.59. Sufficient funds are available within the Capital Equipment Fund to support the amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Columbia Heights City Council authorizes the following:

1. The purchase of a 2026 Ford F-350 4x4 XLT from Midway Ford in the amount of \$61,631.62.
2. Forestry vehicle upfitting from Surefitters in the amount of \$12,178.47.
3. Disposal of Unit #0402 through trade-in or public auction, whichever provides the greatest value to the city.
4. The 2026 Capital Equipment Fund 431 budget is amended by \$62,906.59, increasing authorized expenditures from \$525,000 to \$587,906.59.

Passed this 22nd day of June, 2026.

Offered by:

Seconded by:

Roll Call:

Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor

Attest:

Sara Ion, City Clerk