

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Zero-Turn Mowers – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of eleven (11) mowers (John Deere Z915E ZTrak) from Deere & Company (Cary, NC), delivering dealer SunSouth, LLC (Columbus, GA), at a unit price of \$7,897.14, and a total price of \$86,868.54. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase, via Sourcewell Contract #062117-DAC.

Council originally approved the purchase per Resolution No. 321-20, on October 13, 2020. However, the unit price increased from \$7,729.24 with a total price of \$85,021.64, to a unit price of \$7,897.14 with a total price of \$86,868.54; a total purchase price increase of \$1,846.90. The department obtained a quote in late August to purchase the units; however, the units had increased by the date of the actual purchase. The new purchase price is still within the funding approved in the FY21 Budget for the Urban Forestry & Beautification Division.

The equipment was approved in the FY21 Budget for the Urban Forestry & Beautification Division and will be used by right of way management staff to mow grass on the City’s right of ways. These are replacement units.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) Contract #062117, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Deere & Company was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, Accessories, and Related Services. The contract, which commenced August 18, 2017, is good through August 18, 2021, with an option to renew for a fifth year at the discretion of Sourcewell. Sourcewell is a self-supporting government organization, partnering with education, government, and nonprofits to boost student and community success. Created in 1978 as one of Minnesota’s nine service cooperatives, they offer training and shared services to central-Minnesota members. Throughout North America, they offer a cooperative purchasing program with over 200 awarded vendors on contract. Sourcewell is driven by service and the ability to strategically reinvest in member communities. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, cooperative purchasing is authorized per Article 9-101 of the Procurement Ordinance. The purchase will be made through SunSouth LLC, which is an authorized dealer of John Deere products.

Funds are budgeted in the FY21 Budget: Paving Fund – Public Works – Right of Way Maintenance – Other Equipment; 0203-260-3120-ROWM-7762.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ELEVEN (11) MOWERS (JOHN DEERE Z915E ZTRAK) FROM DEERE & COMPANY (CARY, NC), DELIVERING DEALER SUNSOUTH, LLC (COLUMBUS, GA), AT A UNIT PRICE OF \$7,897.14, AND A TOTAL PRICE OF \$86,868.54. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE, VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #062117-DAC.

WHEREAS, Council originally approved the purchase per Resolution No. 321-20, on October 13, 2020. However, the unit price increased from \$7,729.24 with a total price of \$85,021.64, to a unit price of \$7,897.14 with a total price of \$86,868.54; a total purchase price increase of \$1,846.90. The department obtained a quote in late August to purchase the units; however, the units had increased by the date of the actual purchase. The new purchase price is still within the funding approved in the FY21 Budget for the Urban Forestry & Beautification Division; and,

WHEREAS, the equipment was approved in the FY21 Budget for the Urban Forestry & Beautification Division and will be used by right of way management staff to mow grass on the City’s right of ways. These are replacement units.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase eleven (11) mowers (John Deere Z915E ZTrak) from Deere & Company (Cary, NC), delivering dealer SunSouth, LLC (Columbus, GA), at a unit price of \$7,897.14, and a total price of \$86,868.54. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase, via Sourcewell Contract #062117-DAC. Funds are budgeted in the FY21 Budget: Paving Fund – Public Works – Right of Way Maintenance – Other Equipment; 0203-260-3120-ROWM-7762.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2020 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Barnes voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor House voting _____.
- Councilor Huff voting _____.
- Councilor Thomas voting _____.
- Councilor Tucker voting _____.
- Councilor Woodson voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor