

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Two (2) Brush Chippers for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of Two (2) Brush Chippers for the Public Works Department from Vermeer Southeast (Marietta, GA) at unit price of \$96,365.16 and a total cost of \$192,720.32. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #031721-VRM.

The Public Works Department will use the brush chippers to chip trees on site.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #031721, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Vermeer was one of the successful vendors. Vermeer Southeast is the authorized dealer for Vermeer in this region of the country. The contract, which commenced May 11, 2021, is good through May 7, 2025. The contract available under Sourcewell has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are available in the FY25 Budget as follows: Paving Fund – Public Works – Right of Way Maintenance - Other Equipment; 0203-260-3120-ROWM-7762.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) BRUSH CHIPPERS FROM VERMEER SOUTHEAST (MARIETTA, GA) AT A UNIT PRICE OF \$96,365.16 AND A TOTAL COST OF \$192,720.32. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #031721-VRM.

WHEREAS, the two (2) brush chippers will be used to chip trees on site by the Public Works Department. This is replacement equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #031721-VRM, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Vermeer was one of the successful vendors. Vermeer Southeast is the authorized dealer for Vermeer in this region of the country. The contract, which commenced May 11, 2021, is good through May 7, 2025. The contract available under Sourcewell has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, The City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase two (2) brush chippers from Vermeer Southeast (Marietta, GA) at a unit price of \$96,365.16 and a total cost of \$192,720.32. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #031721-VRM. Funds are available in the FY25 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 _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

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| Councilor Allen | voting _____ |
| Councilor Chambers | voting _____ |
| Councilor Cogle | voting _____ |
| Councilor Crabb | voting _____ |
| Councilor Davis | voting _____ |
| Councilor Garrett | voting _____ |
| Councilor Hickey | voting _____ |
| Councilor Huff | voting _____ |
| Councilor Thomas | voting _____ |
| Councilor Tucker | voting _____ |

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor