

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Miscellaneous Equipment, Option 4: Zero-Turn Mowers w/Metal Collection Unit – RFB No. 20-0021</b>
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the purchase of two (2) zero-turn mowers with metal collection units (2020 John Deere Z970R ZTrak w/John Deere 14 Bushel 3-Bag MCS) from Deere & Company (Cary, NC), delivering dealer SunSouth, LLC (Columbus, GA), via Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) per Cooperative Contract #062117-DAC, at a unit price of \$15,209.77, for a total price of \$30,419.54 for two (2) units.

The equipment was approved in the FY20 Budget and will be used by staff of the Beautification Division to mow and bag grass in the Historic District. This is new equipment.

Bid specifications were posted on the web pages of the Purchasing Division and Georgia Procurement Registry. One bid was received on January 15, 2020. This bid has been advertised, opened and reviewed. The bidders were:

<b>Vendors</b>	Morige Manufacturing Inc. (Moundridge, KS)
<b>OPTION 4: ZERO-TURN MOWERS W/METAL COLLECTION UNIT</b>	
<b>Manufacturer/Model</b>	GRASSHOPPER 735B T/3661PF
<b>UNIT PRICE</b>	\$17,796.75
<b>TOTAL PRICE</b>	\$35,593.00

Per bid specifications, the City reserves the right to make purchases via any comparable Cooperative Contract, if the contract is lower and meets the City’s requirements. Sourcewell offers this unit at a lower price than the submitted bid price. Morige Manufacturing, Inc. (Moundridge, KS) was the only responsive, responsible bidder; however, Deere & Company holds the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract for these vehicles. SunSouth, LLC (Columbus, GA) is the delivering dealer for Deere & Company and has agreed to sell the units at the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract price, which is lower than the bid price.

The purchase will be accomplished 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. Sourcewell (formerly National Joint Powers Alliance) 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.

Funds are budgeted in the FY20 Budget: Paving Fund – Public Works – Right Of Way Maintenance – Off Road Equipment; 0203 – 260 – 3120 – ROWM - 7725.

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) ZERO-TURN MOWERS WITH METAL COLLECTION UNITS (2020 JOHN DEERE Z970R ZTRAK W/JOHN DEERE 14 BUSHEL 3-BAG MCS) FROM DEERE & COMPANY (CARY, NC), DELIVERING DEALER SUNSOUTH, LLC (COLUMBUS, GA), VIA SOURCEWELL (FORMERLY NJPA) PER COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #062117-DAC, AT A UNIT PRICE OF \$15,209.77, FOR A TOTAL PRICE OF \$30,419.54 FOR TWO (2) UNITS.**

**WHEREAS**, the equipment was approved in the FY20 Budget and will be used by staff of the Beautification Division to mow and bag grass in the Historic District. This is new equipment.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase two (2) zero-turn mowers with metal collection units (2020 John Deere Z970R ZTrak w/John Deere 14 Bushel 3-Bag MCS) from Deere & Company (Cary, NC), delivering dealer SunSouth, LLC (Columbus, GA), via Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) per Cooperative Contract #062117-DAC, at a unit price of \$15,209.77, for a total price of \$30,419.54 for two (2) units. Funds are budgeted in the FY20 Budget: Paving Fund – Public Works – Right Of Way Maintenance – Off Road Equipment; 0203 – 260 – 3120 – ROWM - 7725.

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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 Thompson voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Woodson voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

