

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Repair of Tub Grinder for Public Works
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

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It is requested that Council approve the purchase of repair services from Vermeer Southeast Sales & Service (Marietta, GA) in the amount of \$204,565.10 for the repair of a 2017 TG5000 Tub Grinder, Equipment #11578.

During routine use the equipment experienced clutch and tub failure. The specific repair tasks are outside the capabilities of the Fleet Division’s Heavy Equipment Shop personnel. Considering the importance of the tub grinder to the day-to-day sanitation operations, Vermeer Southeast service technicians came to diagnose and evaluate. Once Vermeer Southeast diagnosed the equipment, it was determined that a complete clutch replacement, complete tub replacement, drive chain replacement and other components were required. The replacement cost is \$877,517.00, which is cost prohibitive.

The Department is currently utilizing Truegrade Landworks to provide grinding services. Truegrade Landworks is the City’s contracted vendor for Removal of Residual Ground Material & Removal/Disposal of Large Tree Trunks. An amendment to the vendor’s contract was executed to provide grinding services. However, since utilizing these contractual services in April 2024, the Public Works Department has spent over \$126,404.40 to date. Consequently, the Public Works Department recommends Vermeer Southeast be approved to complete all repairs and services as soon as possible.

The Tub Grinder is manufactured by Vermeer. Therefore, the vendor is deemed the only known source per the Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-114, to perform the needed repairs.

Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: Integrated Waste Management Fund - Public Works - Pine Grove - Auto Parts and Supplies; 0207 – 260 – 3560 – PGRO - 6721.

**A RESOLUTION**

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REPAIR SERVICES FROM VERMEER SOUTHEAST SALES & SERVICE (MARIETTA, GA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$204,565.10 FOR THE REPAIR OF A 2017 TG5000 TUB GRINDER, EQUIPMENT #11578.**

**WHEREAS**, during routine use the equipment experienced clutch and tub failure. The specific repair tasks are outside the capabilities of the Fleet Division’s Heavy Equipment Shop personnel. Considering the importance of the tub grinder to the day-to-day sanitation operations, Vermeer Southeast service technicians came to diagnose and evaluate. Once Vermeer Southeast diagnosed the equipment, it was determined that a complete clutch replacement, complete tub replacement, drive chain replacement and other components were required. The replacement cost is \$877,517.00, which is cost prohibitive; and,

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**WHEREAS**, the Tub Grinder is manufactured by Vermeer. Therefore, the vendor is deemed the only known source per the Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-114, to perform the needed repairs.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase repair services from Vermeer Southeast Sales & Service (Marietta, GA) in the amount of \$204,565.10 for the repair of a 2017 TG5000 Tub Grinder, Equipment #11578. Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: Integrated Waste Management Fund - Public Works - Pine Grove - Auto Parts and Supplies; 0207 – 260 – 3560 – PGRO - 6721.

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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.

- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor