



City of Eustis

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TO: EUSTIS CITY COMMISSION

FROM: Tom Carrino, City Manager

DATE: February 19, 2026

RE: Resolution Number 26-16: Approving a Purchase in Excess of \$100,000 for a Public Works Grapple Truck

Introduction:

Resolution Number 26-16 approves an expenditure in excess of \$100,000.00 for a replacement grapple truck that is essential for specialized collection operations in Public Works and authorizes the City Manager to execute all agreements associated with the purchase.

Background:

The approved fiscal year 2025-2026 budget includes funds for the purchase of a grapple truck for Public Works. The grapple truck is used for efficiently lifting and loading waste, debris and trees during daily operations and in the event of a storm. The grapple truck is scheduled to replace an unreliable and timeworn truck that does not meet the current increase of needs within the Public Works Department.

The grapple truck is a new vehicle being purchased through Apex Equipment. Apex Equipment offers the lowest bid for grapple truck in comparison to Ring Power and Nextran. Public Works staff is confident that this vehicle is reliable and meets the growing needs of the department.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution Number 26-16.

Policy Implications:

Not applicable.

Budget/Staff Impact:

The funds were included in the approved Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget for the purchase of this truck. The total cost for the grapple truck is \$225,350.00, which falls within the Public Works budget.

013-4130-541-60-64: Grapple Truck and Dump Truck: \$405,000.00

Business Impact Estimate:

N/A

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Attachments:

Resolution Number 26-16

Available Upon Request:

Quotes