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Staff Report

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Danny Roberts, City Manager

From: Jeff Smith, Assistant City Manager

Date: April 9, 2026

SUBJECT: Purchase of a 2025 Ford F550 VersaLift bucket truck, as budgeted in the city's capital budget, for use by multiple departments

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the City Council approve the purchase of a 2025 Ford F550 VersaLift bucket truck from Custom Truck One Source in the amount of \$150,000.00.

FISCAL IMPLICATION: A cost of \$150,000.00 (as budgeted) from 100-4900-542200.

BACKGROUND:

The current bucket truck in use is a 1986 Ford F7000 with a 35-foot reach. Although it is stored and accounted for by Public Works, it is shared among multiple departments. The age, size, and limited reach of the existing truck reduce efficiency and create operational challenges.

The new bucket truck will support the Public Works, Facilities, Technology, and other Departments in completing essential operational and maintenance tasks throughout the city. This purchase will modernize the city's equipment, improve safety and efficiency, and reduce reliance on an aging vehicle that is increasingly difficult to maintain. These tasks include: Hanging holiday decorations, Tree trimming, Pressure washing buildings and park equipment, Roof and exhaust fan hood maintenance and repair, Repairing and replacing light fixtures and pole-mounted lights, and Repairing and replacing security cameras across city facilities.

The proposed 2025 Ford F550 VersaLift offers several advantages: A 45-foot reach, providing greater access and capability; A more compact and maneuverable body, comparable to a standard Ford F550; Easier operation by staff who are not experienced with large commercial vehicles.

The City Council indicated a desire for Staff to explore various options in the procurement and use of a bucket truck for city business. A memorandum report is attached.

The only other bid received was for \$153,084.36, and would have to be ordered. The recommended bid is ready to be delivered when ordered.