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Staff Report

To: Honorable Mayor Whitfield and City Council

Through: Danny Roberts, City Manager

From: Ross Burrell, Fleet Maintenance Director and Kyle MacKenzie, IT Department Director

Date: March 12, 2026

Subject: 2025 Ford F550 VersaLift Bucket Truck Purchase

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Loganville City Council approve the purchase of a 2025 Ford F550 VersaLift Bucket Truck from Custom Truck One Source.

FISCAL IMPLICATION: The vehicle cost is \$150,000 and will be funded from 100-4900-542200. This purchase is budgeted.

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, and Technology 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
- 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