



Memorandum

Meeting Details: August 13, 2025

Prepared For: Mayor & Board of Commissioners

From: Megan Wepfer, Public Works Director

Subject: 2026 John Deere Gator Purchase

Background

Staff is requesting approval for the purchase of a 2026 John Deere Gator XUV825M S4 as a scheduled replacement for the City's aging 2016 John Deere Gator 825i S4, which has surpassed its useful life and is no longer dependable for operational use.

The City's current 2016 John Deere Gator has been in service for nearly a decade and is now in deteriorated condition, including:

- Severe rusting to the frame and body due to prolonged exposure to coastal conditions
- Multiple mechanical and electrical failures, resulting in reduced performance
- Frequent and costly repairs, making continued maintenance inefficient

This utility vehicle no longer meets the operational needs of the Public Works Department and has clearly reached the end of its service life.

The replacement unit—a 2026 John Deere Gator XUV825M S4—will be outfitted with emergency lighting, which will be installed by the City mechanic upon delivery. Additionally, the vehicle will receive standard City of Madeira Beach decals (previously acquired and kept in stock by Public Works for fleet use). All upgrades will be completed while staying within the \$25,000 budgeted amount.

Fiscal Impact

The purchase will be funded through the FY 2025 Capital Improvement Program under the Archibald Park Fund, with a total allocation of \$25,000. The Gator purchase cost is \$23,355.00, leaving \$1,645 available for emergency lighting installation and related accessories.

Recommendation(s)

Staff respectfully recommend approval of the purchase of a 2026 John Deere Gator XUV825M S4 from Everglades Equipment Group through the Florida Sheriffs Association Cooperative Purchasing Program for the amount of \$23,355.00. This replacement is essential to maintaining an efficient and safe fleet for Public Works operations.

Attachments

- Everglades Proposal