

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 16, 2024
TO: Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager
FROM: Sean P. Ballantine, Director of Public Services
SUBJECT: Scheduled Replacement of Vehicle #485

The FY 2024-25 Budget includes funding for the scheduled replacement of Vehicle 485, a 2012 quad-cab GMC Sierra, funded through the Parks division. This vehicle is in fair condition, qualifying for replacement if the budget allows.

It is the ongoing practice of the DPS to evaluate the needs of the department whenever a purchase is being made. In this case, the use of this truck as a working supervisory vehicle precludes the need to purchase a full-size pickup outfitted with a plow, instead favoring a vehicle which is able to transport multiple persons when needed, capably respond in an emergency and in all weather conditions, and provide the versatility required to address the myriad of different tasks that DPS handles.

Vehicle purchasing through the City's historic channels remains difficult if not impossible, as the auto manufacturers are providing little to no order availability for government purchasing contracts, and continue to suffer from severely reduced inventory and supply chain issues. This has resulted in Staff, particularly Motor Pool Supervisor Dan Yamarino having to pursue new and creative ways of meeting the City's needs. After an exhaustive search, a vehicle emerged which fit the requirements, and is significantly cheaper than a full-size pickup truck purchased "off the lot".

Staff therefore recommends that Council approve the purchase of one 2024 Jeep Gladiator Sport from LaFontaine Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, of Lansing, through the State of Michigan MiDeal Vehicle Purchasing Program, contract 071B7700183, in the total amount of \$44,284.00. Funding is budgeted and available, with savings from the purchase of Loader 488 available in the same line item to cover the overage.

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