

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM MEMO
REGULAR MEETING**

SUBJECT: Ordinance waving local competitive bidding requirements and authorizing the purchase of one new Kubota M6 Tractor from Johnson Tractor, under Sourcewell Contract 112624-KBA.

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Summary: The purpose of this memorandum is to request City Council authorization for the purchase of one new Kubota M6 utility tractor for use by the Public Works Department. This purchase will replace the department’s existing 2010 Kubota 9540 and enhance the department’s ability to maintain City infrastructure efficiently throughout the year.

Rochelle Public Works Department maintains 53 miles of roadside ditch and over 65 acres of City owned rights of way, property, and easements. City staff use tractors with rotary batwing mowers to efficiently maintain the vegetation growing in these areas, which also helps control the spread of noxious weeds, limits the spread of invasive species, and reduces the habitat for pests like rodents and mosquitoes.

Tractors like the Kubota M6 are needed because they provide the horsepower necessary to pull and power a 15-foot batwing mower, and they are designed to handle difficult terrain such as steep slopes, ditches, and uneven ground where conventional lawn equipment is ineffective and unsafe. The proposed Kubota M6 tractor is a multipurpose tractor providing sufficient horsepower and compatibility with a range of attachments, allowing this tractor to be used year-round for multiple maintenance tasks such as loading supplies and material, grading, tilling, snow removal, as well as mowing operations.

The Public Works Department has operated Kubota tractors for nearly 20 years and during this time has found them to be effective and reliable machines.

Funding Sources:

Source:	Budgeted Amount:		Proposed Expenditure:
01-41-84000	\$110,000.00		\$107,682.91

Strategic Plan Goal Application: Evaluate and prioritize infrastructure maintenance needs for streets, sidewalks, water, wastewater, and stormwater.

Recommendation:

Consider approving an ordinance waving local competitive bidding requirements and authorizing the purchase of one new Kubota M6 Tractor in the amount of \$107,682.91 from Johnson Tractor, under Sourcewell Contract 112624-KBA