



AGENDA REPORT

City Council Meeting

TODAY'S DATE: December 29, 2025

MEETING DATE: January 7, 2026

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Holly Ellis, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Purchase Order #26-1690 to Pierce Auto Center for 2026 Ram 2500 Tradesman

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:

The Street Division relies on a fleet of five service pickup trucks to support year-round operations including snow and ice control, pavement maintenance, striping and thermoplastic operations, emergency response, and support of capital and utility projects. These trucks are used daily by field crews to tow equipment trailers, carry tools and materials, and operate in traffic, winter weather, and construction environments.

This purchase order seeks to replace a 2003 service truck that was recently declared surplus after reaching the end of its useful service life and sold through Public Surplus Auction a few months ago. That vehicle had developed frequent mechanical issues, declining winter reliability, and rising maintenance costs, creating operational risk during snow operations and construction seasons. This replacement truck will serve as the Street Division's primary heavy-duty service vehicle, used to tow critical field equipment, including the City's pavement roller and tack trailer, and to operate a front-mounted snow plow for localized winter response.

Purchase Order No. 26-1690 proposes the purchase of a 2026 Ram 2500 Tradesman Crew Cab 4x4 from Pierce Auto Center in the amount of \$51,700. This truck replaces the 2003 unit and will be configured as a primary heavy-duty crew service truck capable of towing the roller and tack trailer, hauling tools and materials, and carrying a plow for cul-de-sacs, residential streets, and smaller snow response needs. Using a properly sized pickup for these locations is more efficient than deploying a large dump truck and full-size plow, reducing fuel use, wear, and congestion while still maintaining effective winter service.

The new truck has modern safety systems, braking, stability control, lighting, and improved winter traction significantly improve safety for operators working in traffic and winter conditions.

Staff reviewed comparable used trucks available from Pierce Auto Center. A 2024 RAM 2500 Crew Cab with 30,914 miles was quoted at \$41,985, and a 2014 RAM 2500 Crew Cab with 103,896 miles was quoted at \$35,985. These used units offer limited savings compared to a new vehicle while carrying substantial mileage, unknown wear, and reduced remaining service life. Given the truck's critical role in snow response and heavy field operations, purchasing new provides the best value, reliability, and warranty protection.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council consider approval of Purchase Order No. 26-1690 to Pierce Auto Center for 2026 Ram 2500 Tradesman in the amount of \$51,700.00

ACTION:

City Council approval of Purchase Order No. 26-1690 to Pierce Auto Center for 2026 Ram 2500 Tradesman in the amount of \$51,700.00.

WILL THERE BE ANY FINANCIAL IMPACT? Yes **HAS THIS ITEM BEEN BUDGETED?** Yes, within FY 26 budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Resolution
2. PO 26-1690 to Pierce Auto Center for 2026 Ram 2500 Tradesman
3. Pierce Auto Center 2026 Ram 2500 Tradesman Quote