



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 #26-1710 to Pierce Auto Center for 2026 Ram 1500 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.

The Street Division relies on service trucks to support pavement marking maintenance, including paint striping and thermoplastic installation. These operations require towing dedicated striping and thermoplastic trailers, carrying materials and tools, and safely operating in traffic and work zones.

Previously, one of the Street Division's service trucks assigned to this work was a 1993 Chevrolet pickup with more than 90,000 miles on it and was well beyond its useful service life. The vehicle experienced frequent mechanical issues, lacked modern safety features, and was no longer reliable for towing or winter operations. Continued use creates safety risk for employees, creates inefficiencies, and increased the likelihood of breakdowns delaying pavement marking projects and roadway safety improvements. As a result, this truck was declared surplus and sold through Public Surplus Auction a few months ago.

Purchase Order No. 26-1710 proposes the purchase of a 2026 Ram 1500 Tradesman Quad Cab 4x4 from Pierce Auto Center in the amount of \$41,556. This truck will replace the sold 1993 unit and will serve as the primary paint and thermoplastic crew truck, used to tow the City's striping and thermoplastic trailers and support daily pavement marking operations.

The Ram 1500 provides sufficient towing capacity for the paint and thermoplastic trailers while offering improved fuel efficiency compared to heavier trucks. Modern safety systems, improved braking, stability control, lighting, and backup camera significantly improve operator safety when working in traffic and work zones. The vehicle also provides improved winter drivability and reliability for year-round operations.

Comparable used vehicles were reviewed. A comparable crew cab with 98,411 miles was quoted at \$30,471, another with 10,985 miles was quoted at \$49,985, which exceeds the City's new purchase price. The lower-cost used option carries high mileage and reduced remaining life. Purchasing new provides full warranty coverage, known mechanical condition, and the longest service life for a vehicle that will be in daily operational use.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council consider approval of Purchase Order No. 26-1710 to Pierce Auto Center for 2026 Ram 1500 Tradesman in the amount of \$41,556.00.

ACTION:

City Council approval of Purchase Order No. 26-1710 to Pierce Auto Center for 2026 Ram 1500 Tradesman in the amount of \$41,556.00.

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Resolution
2. PO 26-1710 to Pierce Auto Center for 2026 Ram 1500 Tradesman
3. Pierce Auto Center 2026 Ram 1500 Tradesman Quote