

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: April 9, 2024

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore and Members of the City Council

From: Aaron King, Assistant City Manager
Keith Huff, Field Operations Director
Darren Redfield, Purchasing Director

Council Action Requested:

Resolution Awarding Purchase Order for **Battery Electric** Half-Ton Pickup Trucks

Strategic Focus Area: Service Excellence

Strategic Objective: Ensure Service Delivery Efficiency and Effectiveness

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

The City Council has directed Fleet Services to pursue hybrid and electric vehicles whenever possible as replacements for vehicles used in the city fleet. Half-ton pickup trucks are available as battery electric vehicles.

The Stormwater, Street Maintenance and Erosion Control Divisions of the Field Operations Department are requesting to purchase three half-ton pickup trucks as replacements for vehicles that meet or exceed Fleet Services replacement criteria. See Exhibit A for complete details of the vehicles scheduled for replacement.

The North Carolina Sheriff’s Association (Raleigh, NC), a cooperative purchasing group program, received bids for electric and hybrid vehicles, and on October 2, 2023, Parks Ford (Hendersonville, NC) was awarded competitive bid contract #022-08-0913RR per bid specifications. Parks Ford has offered Fleet Services quote #0226202403 for three Ford F-150 battery electric pickup trucks at a cost of \$50,225.06 each after discounts.

It is recommended that a purchase order be awarded to Parks Ford for three Ford F-150 battery electric pickup trucks in the total amount of \$150,675.18. This recommendation is in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-129(e)(3), which authorizes “purchases made through a competitive bidding group purchasing program, which is a formally organized program that offers competitively obtained purchasing products and services at discount prices to two or more public agencies.”

Committee Action:

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For	<u>Unanimous</u>	Against	<u></u>
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Remarks:

The City's FY 2023-24 capital equipment budget includes sufficient funds for this purchase, which will be financed through the City's internal leasing program.

M/WBE Comment: There are no known area M/WBE companies that sell this equipment. See Exhibit A for Workforce Demographics of the vendor.

EV Charging Station Comment: Ford will provide three EV chargers at no cost to the city as part of this purchase. Sustainability staff is developing a plan to install an EV charging location in City Yard and in a designated area around City Hall.