City Council – Action Request Form

Date: October 10, 2023

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

Aaron King, Assistant City Manager

From: Keith Huff, Director of Field Operations

Darren Redfield, Purchasing Director

Council Action Requested:

Resolution Awarding Purchase Order for Articulated Wheel Loader

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 Street Maintenance Division of the Field Operations Department budgeted to replace vehicle #851, a 2004 John Deere 624J with 2045 hours, acquisition cost of \$122,768.32 and total maintenance and repairs costs of \$76,820.87. Staff use an articulated wheel loader to load and move various construction materials needed to maintain the City's road and drainage infrastructure, stockpile and load salt during snow and ice operations, and to install concrete barriers for traffic control and roadside hazard protection.

On April 5, 2023, Sourcewell, a cooperative purchasing group located in Staples, Minnesota, awarded contracts for heavy construction equipment and John Deere Construction Retail Sales (Moline, IL) was awarded competitive bid contract #011723-JDC per bid specifications. John Deere heavy equipment in North Carolina is solely distributed by James River Equipment (Greensboro, NC), who has offered a quotation for a John Deere 624 P-Tier Wheel Loader with standard options selected by the City, at a discount of 38%, for a total price of \$294,694.10.

N.C.G.S. 143-129(e)(3) 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."

It is recommended that a purchase order be awarded to James River Equipment, per Sourcewell contract #011723-JDC, a John Deere 624 P-Tier Wheel Loader with extended warranty for a total price of \$294,694.10. This recommendation is in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-129(e)(3).

Committee Action:			
Committee	FC - 10/10/2023	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	
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.

There are no known area M/WBE companies that sell this equipment.

Workforce demographics: Exhibit A