

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Resolution authorizing execution of a purchase agreement with Versalift for the purchase of one new Telescopic Aerial Platform Truck for the Transportation Department in an amount not to exceed \$110,930, plus all applicable taxes.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Adopting this Resolution authorizes staff to execute an agreement with Versalift for the purchase of one new Telescopic Aerial Platform Truck for the Transportation Department, replacing a larger truck that has reached the end of its useful life.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 9673

If approved, effective date: 11/04/2019

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Transportation Department provides safe and efficient systems supporting livable neighborhoods, a vital economy, and Bellevue's Vision Zero initiative. Transportation maintains and installs above ground infrastructure consisting of ethernet communications systems, rapid radar flashing beacons at crosswalks, speed feedback and flashing school zone signs, and traffic cameras that all contribute to pedestrian safety. Since this infrastructure is located ten to twenty feet above ground, a smaller aerial platform truck with a reduced height and footprint is better suited for this work than the City's larger aerial platform trucks.

Fall protection laws require City staff to be tied off at any height over four feet above ground, making it difficult to use both hands safely while using a ladder to access crosswalk lighting or school zone and speed signs. This practice is less efficient and puts staff at a higher risk of injury. The smaller truck will allow a safer and more efficient method of repairing and installing pedestrian safety equipment.

Unlike the City's existing trucks, the new smaller truck will also be equipped with four-wheel drive. During snow and ice events, this will provide quicker emergency response to locations throughout the City without the need to chain up tires, as is required with the current larger trucks.

The new aerial platform truck will be replacing an existing larger truck that is at the end of its useful life. When the other larger aerial platform trucks are ready for replacement, staff will compare them with the functionality of this smaller truck to evaluate opportunities to downsize and reduce capital expenditures (estimated in reduced capital costs).

This purchase will utilize an interlocal agreement between the City of Bellevue and the Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) Contract #012418-TIM with Versalift. The City has benefitted from this purchasing arrangement for many years as it is a large consortium of public agencies and consequently obtains very competitive pricing. The new aerial truck will be completed and delivered to the Transportation Department by the end of 2020.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

Bellevue City Code

- Chapter 4.28 BCC provides for the fair and equitable treatment of all persons involved in the purchasing process.
- BCC 4.28.150 authorizes the Director of Finance and Asset Management to join in cooperative purchasing arrangements with other public agencies when they are in the best interests of the City.
- Council approval is required with purchase contracts in excess of \$90,000.

Bellevue Comprehensive Plan: Capital Facilities Element

- CF-9. Coordinate planned capital investments across departments.

Bellevue Comprehensive Plan: Neighborhoods Element

- N-2. Ensure police, fire and emergency services provide high levels of public safety that respond to growth and changing community needs.

Fiscal Impact

This agreement will obligate the City to pay \$110,930, plus all applicable taxes, for the purchase of one aerial truck for the Transportation Department.

The source of funding for the purchase is the Mechanical Equipment Rental Fund (MERF) replacement account. This expenditure was planned in the 2019-20 budget and sufficient funding exists in MERF for the purchase. Funds received from the sale of the retired vehicle will be deposited into the MERF replacement account for future replacement needs.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of a purchase agreement with Versalift for the purchase of one new Telescopic Aerial Platform Truck for the Transportation Department in an amount not to exceed \$110,930, plus all applicable taxes.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 9673

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

Proposal from Versalift

Sourcewell Purchase Agreement Signature Page