



LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Scott Morgan, Interim City Manager

THRU: Valentino Perez, Public Works Director

DATE: December 19, 2024

RE: Consideration of reappropriating Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Outlay Funds to procure one (1) tractor and bush hog and one (1) sidewalk grinder (\$178,099).

SUMMARY:

The Public Works Department is seeking approval to reappropriate FY24 Capital Outlay Stormwater funds (\$80,000) to procure one (1) additional tractor and bush hog. The funding was initially approved in FY24 to purchase two Dump Trucks, but only one (1) dump truck was procured due to a market price increase leaving a balance of \$135,599. The Public Works Department also requests the reappropriation of FY24 Capital Outlay General Funds (\$42,500) to procure one (1) sidewalk grinder. The funding was approved in FY24 to procure trailers for the maintenance crew; however, it was no longer needed as the existing trailers were repaired.

Tractor and Bush Hog — To improve city services and operations, the Operations Division often rents additional equipment, including a tractor and bush hog, to clear canal banks' vegetation growth to prevent it from encroaching on residents' properties along the canals. With the city's growing operational needs, equipment rental is appropriate for short periods, but it's not cost-efficient if the equipment is needed indefinitely. Purchasing an additional tractor and bush hog will allow the Operations Division to increase and maintain the city's service level.

Sidewalk Grinder — The Americans with Disabilities Act defines a tripping hazard as any crack or joint in a concrete walkway with a vertical change of over ¼ inch. The grinder will be utilized to repair a sidewalk trip hazard by shaving down the lifted portion of the slabs, evening out the trip hazards, and making the sidewalk safer to walk on. The grinder will also expedite work by reducing downtime and minimizing disruption to businesses and homeowners. It is also an environmentally friendly solution, as it does not produce dust or debris that can harm people or the environment. Overall, the concrete grinder is a cost-effective solution for uneven sidewalks.

REQUESTING DEPARTMENTS:

Public Works

FISCAL IMPACT:

Upon Council approval, funds in the amount of \$135,599 will be transferred from Stormwater Undesignated Fund Balance 461-0000-392.30-06 to 461-7083-538-6401 Machinery & Equipment to purchase one (1) tractor and bush hog and transfer \$42,500 from General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance 001-0000-392-1001 to 001-7034-541-6401 Machinery & Equipment to purchase one (1) sidewalk grinder.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to approve utilizing Stormwater Fund Balance to procure one (1) tractor and bush hog and General Fund Balance to procure one (1) sidewalk grinder.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Sidewalk Grinder Quote
2. Tractor Quote
3. Bush Hog Quote