



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#14-0751

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: August 19, 2014

TITLE: Motion to award purchase of a tractor – Florida Sheriff's Association
Contract 13-11-0904 - \$131,610.55

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission award a purchase of a John Deere Triple Flail tractor mower utilizing Florida Sheriff's Association Contract 13-11-0904 from Nortrax, Inc. in the amount of \$131,610.55.

Background

The Executive Airport Division is responsible for ground landscape maintenance of approximately 328 acres which involves the airfield, an industrial park and an additional out-parcel located on Powerline Road. Airfield grounds maintenance is a critical aspect in ensuring that vegetation height is maintained in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) standards for the safe operation of aircraft.

The Executive Airport's fleet of mowing equipment currently includes a 1998 New Holland Ford Tractor Bush Hog mower, a 2007 John Deere Batwing mower, and a 2008 Toro Zero Turn mower. Each piece of equipment operates simultaneously on a daily basis within the prescribed cutting schedule of the airfield. In addition, the mowers are required to perform at an optimum level.

Until recently, the 1998 New Holland Ford Tractor mower was performing well. The New Holland Ford Tractor is well beyond its useful life of service and needs to be replaced with a more modern and dependable tractor mower. After consulting with the City's Fleet Services Department a vehicle replacement analysis (Exhibit 1) further confirmed that the tractor mower has far exceeded the maximum usable life and needs to be replaced. The replacement mower will be a John Deere Triple Flail tractor mower with a cutting width of 21 feet. One of the many advantages of the Flail mower system over the standard rotary system is the absence of a blade, which constantly required sharpening or replacement after coming into contact with uneven surfaces. The John Deere tractor mower will have a boom arm cutting head attachment for reaching into swale areas with limited access.

Pursuant to Section 2-181(8) of the Code of Ordinances, this purchase will be made in accordance with Florida Sheriff's Contract 13-11-0904 from Nortrax, Inc. in the amount of \$131,610.55, whereby such contract was entered into following a fair and competitive process that included public notice, sealed written or secure electronic bids, and public bid opening.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$131,610.55.

Funds available as of July 24, 2014					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (PROGRAM)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
468-TAM070101-6416	EXECUTIVE AIRPORT	CAPITAL OUTLAY/ VEHICLES	\$433,315	\$317,599	\$131,610.55
				PURCHASE TOTAL ►	\$ 131,610.55

Strategic Connections:

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Business Development Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 7: Be a well-positioned City within the global economic and tourism markets of the South Florida region, leveraging our airports, ports, and rail connections.
- Objective 4: Deliver best-in-class regional general aviation airport amenities and services to domestic and international stakeholders.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Prosperous*.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Vehicle Replacement Analysis

Exhibit 2 – Specifications

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