



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

**#15-1035**

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

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

**DATE:** November 3, 2015

**TITLE:** Motion to Approve Loader Backhoe and Yard Wheel Loader – Nortrax,  
Inc. - \$232,495

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the purchase of a loader backhoe and yard wheel loader via Florida Sheriffs Association Contract 15-13-0904 from Nortrax, Inc. in the amount of \$232,495.

**Background**

Public Works uses backhoes and loaders to excavate for underground repairs and replacement of critical infrastructure which have exceeded their life expectancy resulting in frequent breakdowns and costly repairs.

Properly functioning construction equipment such as backhoes and loaders are essential to operations of the Public Works Utilities Division and to ensuring the resiliency of City infrastructure. Backhoes and loaders are used daily for excavating, back filling, trenching, loading and unloading of material. They are also essential assets throughout the preparation and response procedures for natural emergencies such as hurricanes, king tides, and tornadoes. Additionally, this equipment plays a critical role during post disaster recovery, debris collections, and roadway openings.

When backhoes and loaders are not available, production slows down considerably because staff has to use jackhammers, pipe saws, sledgehammers, picks and breaking bars to break through asphalt, road rock and concrete to repair, install or maintain our infrastructure

Pursuant to Section 2-181(8), Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this purchase will be made from Nortrax, Inc. *via* Florida Sheriffs Association Contract 15-13-0904, which was entered into following a fair and competitive process that included public notice, sealed written or secure electronic bids, and public bid opening. The cost of the loader backhoe is \$93,334. The cost of the yard wheel loader is \$139,161.

### **Resource Impact**

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$232,495.

<i>Funds available as of October 5, 2015</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character Code)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
450-PBS660402-6416	Pipe Construction	Capital Outlay/ Vehicles	\$525,400	\$525,400	\$178,848
450-PBS660408-6416	Service Line Repair	Capital Outlay/ Vehicles	\$66,600	\$66,600	\$53,647
<b>TOTAL →</b>					<b>\$232,495</b>

### **Strategic Connections**

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

- Goal 2: Be a sustainable and resilient community.
- Objective 1: Proactively maintain our water, wastewater, road, and bridge infrastructure.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Ready*.

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Backhoe worksheet and proposal

Exhibit 2 – Loader worksheet and proposal

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