



Council Communication No. 97-287

SYNOPSIS –

Approve the purchase of a Cushman 636, three-wheel turf truckster from Big Bear Turf, bid number C97-200, to replace an old unit at Waveland Golf Course.

FISCAL IMPACT –

The total cost of the item is \$13,500, less two old units for trade totaling \$2,900.

RECOMMENDATION –

Approve the purchase of the three-wheel turf truckster from Big Bear Turf.

BACKGROUND –

City equipment is replaced as units become irreparable or the cost to repair becomes uneconomical for the expected life of the equipment. A turf truckster has a hydraulic dumpbox and is used as a multi-purpose utility vehicle– hauling sand and fertilizer for bunkers, pulling aerifying equipment, and transporting supplies.

Five bids were mailed; three returned. Of those returned, only one bid was received. Since the unit requested was a three-wheel unit– not the more expensive four-wheel– it is likely that some vendors chose not to bid. In addition, the Cushman unit provided by Big Bear exceeds most other three-wheel units in horsepower and power take-off provisions. The unit meets the requirements to accomplish the work for the golf course, and it is, therefore, recommended for purchase.