



Council Communication No. 97-288

SYNOPSIS –

Purchase of a Toro Reelmaster 216 Tee and Collar Mower from Tri State Turf, bid number C97-236, to replace an old unit at Grand View Golf Course.

FISCAL IMPACT –

The total cost of the item is \$11,942, less one old unit for trade totaling \$400. This price is not low bid. A bid of \$11,048 less a trade-in of \$1,048 for a balance of \$10,010 was received for a National mower from Big Bear Turf. The National unit was not able to meet the specifications requested (see explanation in Background section below).

RECOMMENDATION –

Approve the purchase of the Toro Tee and Collar Mower from Tri State 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 tee and collar mower is a specialized piece of golf equipment used for the mowing of tees and the immediate areas around the tees.

Two bids were received, but only one met the specifications requested. The reasons for the National unit not meeting specifications included:

1. Height of cut could not meet 1/4" height;
2. Center point adjustment of reels not by convenient click knob; instead by time-consuming end adjustments;
3. Five-gallon fuel tank versus requested six-gallon;
4. No remote mount air cleaner; and
5. Other reel-related items.