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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 43F <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>11-1013</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>11-350</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Allen McKinley, Deputy City Manager

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving the purchase of mowing and snow removal equipment for use by the Park and Recreation Department.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval to purchase two replacement 72-inch, front-mounted, commercial zero-turn mowers with “Polar Trac” conversion kits and accessories for snow and ice control for use by the Park and Recreation Department, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State of Iowa Department of Transportation Contract from MTI Distributing, Toro Dealer, in the amount of \$85,842.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$85,842

Funding Source: FY2011-12 Operating Budget, City Manager’s Office, Equipment Replacement Fund, IS201, CMO010407, page 55.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Five existing units with mowing and snow removal attachments were identified that exceed established replacement criteria and have been taken out of service to be auctioned. Two replacements have been approved by the Fleet Oversight Committee and the disposal of five existing units results in further fleet reduction of mowing and snow removal equipment.

Replacement was deferred, pending the outcome of various contracts for mowing and snow removal. Although considerable mowing and snow removal functions have been provided by contractors, the Park and Recreation Department continues to maintain certain areas, such as: Gray’s Lake, John and Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park, Simon Estes Amphitheater and Glendale and Laurel Hill Cemeteries, and has needs for replacement equipment for mowing and snow removal.

The recommended purchase of the Toro brand Polar Trak system utilizes the same power unit for mowing and snow removal, and provides greater efficiency and productivity. The equipment converts from mowing to snow removal accessories, including a snow blower, blade and broom suitable for sidewalks and areas maintained by the Park and Recreation Department. Previously, snow removal equipment was rented on an annual basis for \$15,000 per winter season. The acquisition of this equipment will eliminate the need to rent snow removal equipment each year.

The units being purchased are equipped with diesel engines capable of utilizing biodiesel fuel to reduce emissions impacting the environment.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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