


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	19-296	Meeting:	June 24, 2019
	Agenda Item:	36	Roll Call:	[]
	Submitted by:	Jonathan A. Gano, P.E., Public Works Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving donation to Polk Soil & Water Conservation District for the cooperative purchase of a deep core aerator.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the donation to Polk Soil & Water Conservation District for the cooperative purchase of a deep core aerator for use in the construction of stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) that are subsidized by the City's stormwater utility.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$15,000

Funding Source: 2019-20 Operating Budget - Stormwater Utility Management E301 PW248423, page 229

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The City's stormwater utility rebates back 50% of the cost of soil quality restoration through the stormwater BMP rebate program; 100% of the cost is rebated in priority watersheds. It is one of the most effective and promising methods available to practically every property owner in the City.
- Resident experience with area landscape contractors, though, has shown that the necessary equipment is not readily available on the rental market. The market for this service is not yet big enough yet to justify the investment by private enterprises. The City's subsidy of the purchase of this piece of specialized equipment is intended to help lower barriers and make this BMP more easily obtained by residents using a landscaping contractor of their choice.
- Polk Soil & Water Conservation District serves as the lead agency administering the City's stormwater BMP rebate program in the Easter Lake watershed. They perform work on the City's behalf for the promotion of the rebate program and runs a rental program for specialty farm equipment.

- City staff have approved the make and model of the machine to be purchased and reviewed and approved the rental agreement the Polk Soil & Water Conservation District will use to rent the machine to landscape contractors or property owners.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: March 25, 2019

Roll Call Number: [19-0493](#) and [19-0494](#)

Action: [Amending](#) Chapter 118 of the Municipal Code regarding qualifying practices and method of making rebate payments and use of storm water charges outside of city limits. ([Council Communication No. 19-115](#)) Moved by Gray that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Motion Carried 7-0.

- (A) [Final](#) consideration of ordinance above (waiver requested by the Public Works Director), requires six votes. Moved by Gray that the rule requiring that an ordinance must be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, that the ordinance be placed upon its final passage and that the ordinance do now pass, [#15,757](#). Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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