



Legislation Text

File #: 2042-2014, **Version:** 1

Background:

This ordinance will replace 1548-2014. Equipment information and bid waiver attachment have been updated and made a part of this revised ordinance.

SA005195 was advertised on City of Columbus Vendor Services seeking a request for information on mowers similar to the product needs and specifications required by Parks Maintenance. SA005195 requested information on the Lastec 3300 mower, a 100" cutting width mower. The Lastec 4520 mower, with an additional 20" of cutting width, is also sold and distributed exclusively in the State of Ohio by Reynolds Farm Equipment. The Recreation and Parks Maintenance section believes that no product researched as part of this process, as well as the section's additional research, would better serve the need of the Parks Maintenance section than the Lastec 4520 Zero Turn Mower as provided by Reynolds Farm Equipment.

The Lastec 4520 Zero Turn Mower is a product, sold and distributed exclusively in the State of Ohio by Reynolds Farm Equipment - Golf and Turf Division.

There is no product that meets the needs of Parks Maintenance as much as the Lastec 4520 Zero Turn Mower. After demonstrations and product testing of models with similar, but not exactly matching specifications, the department determined the Lastec 4520 Zero Turn Mower to be the best performing machine and the highest value for the quoted price. The ability to maneuver in small, tight areas around city parks without damaging the ground was a necessary characteristic. The ability to turn and reverse direction without the potential damage from the mower is also a very important attribute that this machine demonstrated over others that were reviewed. This aspect of maneuverability is of particular importance as this mower will be primarily responsible for mowing the prime fields in the park. Moreover, the productivity and efficiency of a zero-turn machine allows the department to accomplish more mowing in less time than other mowers of similar specifications.

Because of exclusive distribution rights of Reynolds Farm Equipment - Golf and Turf Division for the Lastec product line, there is only one price for the Lastec 4520 Zero Turn Mower. Additionally, competition is precluded by the existence of an agreement with the manufacturer, who has given Reynolds Farm Equipment - Golf and Turf Division an exclusive right to market this product to its customers.

Principal Parties:

Reynolds Farm Equipment, Inc
12501 Reynolds Drive
Fishers, IN 46038
Phone: 317-849-0810

Emergency Action:

An emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to enter into said contract so that the equipment is available for use during the 2014 outdoor season.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding in the amount of \$173,000.00 for this purchase is currently available on AC036628 as previously established by ordinance #1548-2014.

To repeal Ordinance 1548-2014; to authorize the Director of Finance and Management to establish a purchase order with Reynolds Farm Equipment, Inc. for the purchase of Lastec 4520 Zero Turn Mowers; to waive the competitive bidding provisions of Chapter 329 of City Code; to authorize the expenditure of \$173,000.00 from the existing Auditor's Certificate 036628; and to declare an emergency. (\$173,000.00)

WHEREAS, ordinance 1548-2014 had incorrect equipment model number and bid waiver information and should be repealed and replaced with this new ordinance; and

WHEREAS, this equipment purchase is necessary for the purpose of equipment for the Recreation and Parks Maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Reynolds Farm Equipment, Inc. is the regional supplier of Lastec 4520 Zero Turn Mower; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to waive the competitive bidding provisions of Columbus City Code pursuant to CCC Section 329.27; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract with Reynolds Farm Equipment, Inc. for the purchase of Lastec 4520 Zero Turn Mowers so that the equipment is available during the 2014 outdoor season; **NOW, THEREFORE**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That Ordinance 1548-2014 is repealed and replaced with this ordinance.

SECTION 2. That the Director of Finance and Management is hereby authorized to establish a purchase order with Reynolds Farm Equipment, Inc., 12501 Reynolds Drive, Fishers, IN 46038 for the purchase of Four (4) Lastec 4520 Zero Turn Mowers.

SECTION 3. That, pursuant to City Code Section 329.27, this Council finds it in the City's best interest to waive the competitive bidding provisions of Chapter 329 of City Code.

SECTION 4. That the total expenditure of \$173,000.00 is hereby authorized from the existing Auditor's Certificate #036628.

SECTION 5. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance;

SECTION 6. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or 10 days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.