



Legislation Text

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Background:

This ordinance will establish an auditor's certificate and authorize the expenditures for the purchase of needed equipment through the City of Columbus Purchasing office. All bids will be obtained and contracts awarded using City Code 329, however this legislation will set up all the required funding to enter into contracts with the vendors on an as-needed basis. All equipment will be bid through the City of Columbus Purchasing System and all contracts will be approved by the Director of Finance and Management. The equipment list below provides expected purchases during the next 6 months. In order to have all the equipment available for the 2013-14 season, it is necessary to authorize this expenditure to have the funding and approval complete when the bidding has been finalized.

Competitive bids will be solicited and opened by the Purchasing Office or obtained through any current universal term contract for the following pieces of equipment:

- Mowers
- Trailers
- Pallet Jacks
- Loader Dock Plates
- Paper Folder
- Mobile Ladders

Fiscal Impact: \$300,000.00 is required and budgeted in the Voted Recreation and Parks Bond Fund 702 to meet the financial obligations of these various expenditures.

To authorize the Director of Finance and Management to enter into various contracts for the purchase of equipment and vehicles for the Recreation and Parks Department; to authorize the expenditure of \$300,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; to establish an auditor's certificate in the amount of \$300,000.00 for the purchases listed within this legislation; and to declare an emergency. (\$300,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Office will solicit competitive bids to acquire trailers, mowers, pallet jacks, loader dock plates, paper folder and mobile ladders for the Recreation and Parks Department in accordance with City Code 329; and

WHEREAS, brass tags for equipment to be replaced will be submitted to the Division of Fleet Management, and all specifications for equipment to be purchased and brass tagged will be approved by the Division of Fleet Management prior to acquisition;

WHEREAS, funding is available for these purchases from unallocated balances within the Voted Parks and Recreation Bond Fund 702; 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 contracts for equipment and vehicles in order to purchase or replace needed equipment thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of Finance and Management be and is hereby authorized to enter into contracts as listed

within this legislation on behalf of the Recreation and Parks Department to acquire trailers, mowers, pallet jacks, loader dock plates, paper folder and mobile ladders.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$300,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized from the Voted Recreation and Parks Bond Fund No. 702 as follows:

Project#510040-100001 (Maintenance Equipment)

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SECTION 3. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project; except that no transfer shall be so made from a project account funded by monies from more than one source.

SECTION 4. 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 legislation

SECTION 5. That this Council hereby recognizes that this ordinance does not identify specific contractors or vendors for the expenditure purposes authorized herein and hereby delegates sole and final contracting decisions relative to the determination of lowest responsive and responsible and best bidder(s) to the Director of Recreation and Parks and or the Director of Finance and Management as per the terms of Columbus City Code 329.

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