

JOHN DEERE – GOLF COURSE EQUIPMENT LEASE

AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT

Approval of Waiver of Competitive Source Selection and Execution of a 48-Month Lease Agreement for Golf Course Maintenance Equipment

SUMMARY

In October 2024, the Commission approved the acquisition after considering comparative quotations from multiple vendors. Staff recommended John Deere because it offered the lowest overall cost, a more comprehensive warranty, and an operationally efficient consolidated leasing structure.

Following the Commission's approval in October 2024, the equipment was ordered, manufactured, and delivered to the City. The equipment was supplied by Everglades Equipment Group, the authorized John Deere dealer, and the associated lease financing is provided through Wells Fargo Equipment Finance, Golf & Turf Division.

During the subsequent review of the lease agreement for form and legal sufficiency, the City Attorney's Office advised that the procurement should proceed under the waiver provisions of Section 2-446(b) of the Procurement Code. Accordingly, this item is presented to the Commission for consideration under that authority.

Pursuant to Section 2-446(b) of the City of Fort Pierce Procurement Ordinance, the attached memorandum from the Procurement Official provides the written recommendation and supporting documentation for the City Commission's consideration of a waiver of competitive source selection procedures.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission determine that waiving competitive source selection under Section 2-446(b) is in the City's best interest and authorize execution of the 48-month lease agreement with Everglades Equipment Group, Boynton Beach, FL, for John Deere Equipment for maintaining the Golf Course.