



**City of Rochester Hills  
AGENDA SUMMARY  
FINANCIAL ITEMS**

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**Legislative File No: 2005-0638**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members  
**FROM:** Gerald Lee, Forestry Division, 841-2551  
**DATE:** 9/27/2005  
**SUBJECT:** Stump Cutter

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**PURPOSE:**

City Council is requested to authorize a purchase order to Vermeer of Michigan for (1) new Vermeer SC602 Stump Cutter in the amount of \$27,229.00.

**DISCUSSION:**

Department:

The City solicited bids for the purchase of one new stump cutter using the MITN website.

The two lowest bidders, Bandit Industries and Tree Man Supply did not meet specifications. The two lowest bidders' machines did not have a cutter wheel drive train consisting of a gearbox coupled with the driveshaft (as opposed to belt-driven machines), which provides a higher level of dependability with lower long-term maintenance costs. The two lowest bidders' machines had less than the specified 19-inch wheel cut below ground, which provides a deeper hole that is often needed for re-planting. The two lowest bidders machines had less than the specified 49 cubic foot chip containment, which provides increased efficiency in the grinding and clean up operations.

The third lowest bidder, Vermeer of Michigan, met all of the bid specifications in the bid documents. We therefore recommend Vermeer of Michigan as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder for the new stump cutter.

**PROCESS:**

Vendor Name and Address:

Vermeer of Michigan  
1005 Thorrez Road  
Jackson, MI 49201

**Reason for Selection:**

Lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting bid specifications

**Method of Purchase:**

Purchase Order

**FISCAL INFORMATION:**

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Department Account No</b>	<b>Account No. Description</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Remaining Budget</b>
Fleet Fund	661-977000	Equipment Capitalized	\$30,000	\$27,229	\$2,771

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that City Council approves a purchase order to Vermeer of Michigan, Jackson, Michigan, for one (1) new Vermeer SC602 Stump Cutter in the amount of \$27,229.00 as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder that meets all specifications.

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**RESOLUTION**

**NEXT AGENDA ITEM**

**RETURN TO AGENDA**

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<b>APPROVALS:</b>	<b>SIGNATURE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>Department Review</b>		
<b>Department Director</b>		
<b>Budget Content: Finance Director</b>		
<b>Purchasing Process: Supervisor of Procurement</b>		
<b>Mayor</b>		
<b>City Council Liaison</b>		