



City of Rochester Hills  
AGENDA SUMMARY  
FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2021-0318

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Allan Schneck, P.E., Director Department of Public Services

**DATE:** August 16, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Purchase Authorization for One (1) Fraize Mower

**REQUEST:**

City Council is requested to authorize the purchase of one (1) Fraize Mower from JW Turf, Brighton, MI in the amount of \$36,798.75.

**REASON FOR PURCHASE:**

The Parks and Natural Resources Department will utilize the fraize mower in the renovation of playing fields. Fraize Mowing is a machine that works off a tractor designed to remove thatch, organic matter and weed seed from the top layer of a turf surface (1/4" -2" down). While removing this detrimental build up, Fraize mowing allows the strongest existing grass plants to remain, while also leveling divots and holes on the playing surface. The unwanted matter is than conveyered up and dropped into a trailer that is pulled alongside the Fraize mower. Fraize mowing can have a playable surface in less than six weeks. This type of restoration is a two man operation. Typically restoration is a 5 man operation using multiple pieces of equipment needing up to 20 weeks per field. The fraize mower will save countless labor, equipment and restoration hours.

The City issued a Request for Proposals for a fraize mower utilizing the MITN system. The proposal was distributed to seventy potential vendors and two (2) proposal responses were received. Both vendors submitted equipment that met the functionality, however the Spartan mower exceeded two specified size criteria. Size limitations were specified due to the equipment trailer that would be utilized to move the mower from location to location and the width of certain areas to be maintained. The JW Turf equipment met all specifications and has proven market performance history.

**PROCESS:**

**Vendor Name and Address:**

JW Turf  
7060 Kensington Road  
Brighton, MI 48116

**Reason for Selection:**

Best Value

**Method of Purchase:**

Purchase Order

**BUDGET:**

Funds are included in the 2021 Adopted Budget.

Fund Name	Department Account No	Account No. Description	FY 2021 Budget Amount	Cost	Remaining Budget
Fleet	661.977000	Capital Equipment	\$40,000	\$36,798.75	\$3,201.25

**RECOMMENDATION:**

City Council is requested to authorize the purchase of one (1) Fraise Mower from JW Turf, Brighton, MI in the amount of \$36,798.75.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Budget Content: Chief Financial Officer		
Purchasing Process: Supervisor of Procurement		
Mayor		
Deputy Clerk		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney       Yes       N/A

