THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: January 25, 2022

Subject: Sanitation Vehicle Rental Contract

Staff Resource(s): Greg Shuler, Public Works Director
Jes Foster, Sanitation Division Manager

Action Requested: Resolution authorizing the City Manager to continue the Vehicle Rental Contract with TLG Leasing, Inc.

Background:

- The Sanitation Division requires a reliable fleet to provide essential trash collection services to City residents.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has made it difficult to acquire parts to repair Sanitation vehicles and has extended the time to build and purchase new sanitation trucks to greater than 1 year.
- The Sanitation Division entered into a contract with TLG Leasing, Inc. in December 2020 to rent a trash collection truck due to truck shortage issues.
- The Sanitation Division needs to continue utilizing the rental truck until the Sanitation fleet is stabilized through repair of current trucks or receipt of newly purchased vehicles.
- Three (3) new trash collection trucks were ordered in September 2021, with an estimated arrival date of December 2022.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- Automated side-loading trash collection vehicles are highly specialized pieces of equipment and availability is extremely limited.
- The current rental truck was sourced from a vendor that could provide the type of truck needed.

Council Goal(s):

- A Clean and Healthy Environment

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- Continuing this contract allows the Sanitation Division to continue to provide the core service of waste collection to the Asheville community.

Con(s):

- Spending this funding on a rental truck rather than investing in the capital purchase of a new truck is not ideal, but is the needed action to have a reliable fleet of Sanitation trucks to deliver core trash collection services.

Fiscal Impact:

- The cost to continue the automated side-loading vehicle rental is $8,999.03 per month. The rental truck will be used until the Sanitation Fleet is stabilized, either through repair of current vehicles or receipt of new vehicles with an estimated time of arrival of December 2022.
- Funding for the rental will be paid from the current Sanitation Division budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to continue the Vehicle Rental Contract with TLG Leasing, Inc., until the Sanitation fleet is stabilized through repair of current trucks or receipt of newly purchased vehicles.

Attachment(s):

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 22-____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTINUE THE VEHICLE RENTAL CONTRACT WITH TLG LEASING, INC., UNTIL PROJECT COMPLETION

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has authority pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes to enter into contracts for services with other entities; and

WHEREAS, the Sanitation Division requires a reliable fleet to provide essential solid waste collection services to City residents; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has slowed down or suspended vehicle and vehicle parts supply chains; and

WHEREAS, the Sanitation Division entered into a contract with TLG Leasing, Inc. in December 2020 to rent a trash collection truck due to truck shortage issues; and

WHEREAS, the Sanitation Division needs to continue utilizing the rental truck until the Sanitation Fleet is stabilized;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to continue the vehicle rental contract with TLG Leasing, Inc., until project completion.

Read, approved and adopted this the 25th day of January, 2022.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney