



City of Rochelle
Engineering Department

Memo

To: Dave Plyman, City Manager

CC: Tim Isley, Supt. of Street Division

Chris Frye, Finance Director

Alan Cooper, City Attorney (via council packet)

From: Sam Tesreau, City Engineer

Date: September 17, 2014

Re: purchase of capital equipment for Construction and Street Department projects

Encl. (1) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF FRONT END WHEEL LOADER
AT PUBLIC AUCTION WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING

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1. We have had discussions with Street Department Supt. Tim Isley regarding the need for purchase of certain pieces of construction equipment over the next 5 years. The current wheel loader is one of the Street Department's front line pieces of equipment for daily operations. The front end wheel loader is nearly 18 years old with over 9500 hrs. This wheel loader has been at the top of the Street Dept. capital equipment replacement list for over 3 years and is used on regular basis for in house capital infrastructure projects as well as routine maintenance of the City street system. An opportunity to purchase such a piece of equipment will begin at public auction as early as October. Therefore, we would need to inspect and potentially purchase within the next month in FY 14-15 rather than wait until the beginning of the FY 15-16 budget.
 2. This front end wheel loader can be used for a wide variety of projects and would cost approximately \$165,000 in new condition. Without a dependable front end wheel loader there will be many projects that will be delayed or that can't be completed. Although this line item was not specifically budgeted for in FY 14-15, the Capital Improvements fund is able to absorb the cost for such a purchase FY 14-15 so that the City may take advantage of the upcoming auction and potential cost savings.
 3. Please consider approval of the attached ordinance (Encl. (1)) authorizing the purchase of a front end wheel loader, before the end of FY 2014-2015, and delay the consideration for certain line item expenditures as determined by the City Engineer for miscellaneous Capital improvements projects until FY 15-16.