

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Alfred D. Lott, City Manager

SUBJECT: Leaf Collection Truck Rentals For 2020

DATE: June 9, 2020

To successfully complete the City's annual bulk leaf collection program, ten, sixteen-foot flatbed diesel-powered trucks must be leased for eight weeks from the last week of October through the third week in December.

The Department of Community Services has contacted all known commercial truck rental firms to determine the availability of trucks suitable for this rental. Only one company, Herc Rentals, Inc. the commercial arm of Hertz Inc., was identified that can meet the specific requirements. Trucks are transferred from locations throughout the Country to meet local needs.

Due to the limited availability of these trucks and seasonal demand, it is important to reserve these vehicles at this time. The cost to acquire these vehicles for this year's program is \$55,175. The FY21 budget identified \$80,000 for this and other related rental expenses. The cost will be charged to the Public Works Department, Streets Division Equipment Rental account, which has \$227,000 allocated for all rentals.

Approval of Resolution R-38-20 is requested to waive bidding requirements and allow this rental agreement to be awarded to Herc Rentals, Inc. in the amount of \$55,175.

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RESOLUTION
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND, WAIVING THE
COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 61 “PURCHASING AND
CONTRACTING” OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BOWIE BY A TWO
THIRDS VOTE TO ALLOW FOR THE RENTAL OF LEAF COLLECTION TRUCKS
AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT
WITH HERC RENTALS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,175

WHEREAS, the City of Bowie (the “City”) provided curb side leaf collection services last year to its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bowie desires to continue this program during the 2020 curb side leaf collection season for its residents; and

WHEREAS, additional equipment is necessary to provide this service in the form of truck rentals; and

WHEREAS, after an extensive search, staff was able to identify only one vendor with appropriate and sufficient units to meet the program needs; and

WHEREAS, staff received a quote of \$55,175 from Herc Rentals Inc. for the necessary rental trucks and concludes that further efforts would be without benefit to the City; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that a contract be awarded at this time to assure these vehicles are available for the leaf collection program; and

WHEREAS, Section 61 of the City Charter permits the City Council, by two-thirds vote, to waive bidding requirements for good cause shown.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council for the City of Bowie, Maryland, by at least a two-thirds vote, that the competitive bidding requirements of Section 61 of the Bowie City Charter are, for good cause shown, hereby waived and authorizes the City Manager to enter into a rental agreement with Herc Rentals, Inc., in the amount of \$55,175.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a Regular Meeting on _____, 2020.

By: _____
Timothy J. Adams, Mayor

Attest:

Awilda Hernandez
City Clerk