

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-20

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A  
CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE REPLACEMENT  
MOWERS FOR THE PARKS AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT  
(INCLUDING TRADE-IN VALUES); AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Section 9.12 of Article IX of the Charter of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio, provides the method under which the City Manager shall make purchases and enter into contracts on behalf of the City; and

WHEREAS, the need exists for the purchase of three zero turn radius lawn mowers in 2015 for use by the Parks and Grounds Department, funding for which has been approved by City Council in the Final 2015 Budget; and

WHEREAS, an estimate submitted by Tri-State Equipment, 11830 Hamilton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45231, for the purchase of three (3) Exmark 60" X-series Lazer model zero turn radius lawn mowers for an amount not to exceed \$9,519 each, less a trade-in value of \$5,500 for a 52" Exmark Walk behind mower and a 60" Gravely front mount mower, resulting in a net amount not to exceed \$23,057; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the purchase of these mowers be excluded from the formal bid process due to the fact that the distributor prices were below the State of Ohio's Cooperative Purchasing Program pricing.

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Blue Ash, not less than five (5) members thereof concurring,

SECTION I.

The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Tri-State Lawn Equipment, 11830 Hamilton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45231, for the purchase a three new Exmark 60" X-series Lazer model zero radius lawn mowers, for an amount not to exceed \$9,519 each; less trade-in value of \$5,500 for the City's 52" Exmark Walk behind mower and a 60" Gravely front mount mower, resulting in a net amount of \$23,057. Any requirement to follow formal local bidding procedures is hereby waived, and authority is granted permitting the trade-in of the existing mowers.

SECTION II.

The Treasurer is hereby authorized to expend the necessary funds therefor, which funds are hereby appropriated.

SECTION III.

This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio; the reason for the emergency being the immediate need to authorize the replacement of outdated/obsolete mowing equipment. Therefore, this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

PASSED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

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Lee Czerwonka, Mayor

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Jamie K. Eifert, Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Bryan E. Pacheco, Solicitor