



Agenda Item Report

Legislative Board: City Council
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ITEM TITLE: Authorization for the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Grapevine Dodge in an amount not to exceed \$266,026.00, for the purchase of two vehicles: one (1) Dodge Ram 2500 Truck and one (1) Dodge Ram 5500 Bucket Truck utilizing BuyBoard Contract #724-23 and #723-23, respectively (Assistant Public Works Director Scott Smith, Parks and Recreation Director Anthony Host, and Purchasing Agent Edward Dempsey)

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the FY26 Budget, there is funding for the purchase of a 2026 Dodge Ram 2500 Truck for the Public Works department and a 2026 Dodge Ram 5500 Bucket Truck for the Parks and Recreation Department. This item covers the purchase of one (1) 2026 Dodge Ram 2500 Truck totaling \$72,792.00 for use by the Public Works department and one (1) 2026 Dodge Ram 5500 Bucket Truck totaling \$193,234.00 for the Parks and Recreation Department. Staff is seeking authorization to issue a purchase order for these vehicles.

2. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

These vehicles are available through the Buyboard Purchasing Cooperative under contract #724-23, \$72,792.00 (Dodge Ram 2500) and contract# 723-23, \$193,234.00 (Dodge Ram 5500) for the total cost of \$266,026.00. City staff confirmed that these Buyboard contracts are active and valid. Additionally, Staff contacted Buyboard representatives who verified that the quotes and pricing were in accordance with the terms of specified in contract #723-23 and #724-23.

3. ANALYSIS

The available unit meets the City's specifications and can be purchased within the available budgeted funds:

The vehicles are:

one (1) 2026 Dodge Ram 2500 Truck with service bed and,
one (1) 2026 Dodge Ram 5500 Chassis with Bucket.

The Dodge Ram 2500 will replace an existing aging unit and support daily Public Works operations, while the Dodge Ram 5500 bucket truck will be an additional unit to the Department and be shared between Public Works and Parks for elevated maintenance activities such as tree trimming, facility lighting, signage, and storm response. This will improve safety, reliability, and operational efficiency.

4. FINANCIAL IMPACT

Grapevine Dodge, Chrysler and Jeep are to provide the units under Buyboard Cooperative Contract No. #723-23 and #724-23 in the amount of \$266,026.00. City staff have contacted Buyboard representatives, who confirmed the validity and accuracy of the quote, verified compliance with the awarded contract, and ensured the appropriate percentage discount was applied.

The cost, \$72,792.00, of the Dodge Ram 2500 with service bed exceeds the budgeted amount of \$70,000.00 in FY 26 CL Code 100-4413.56009 (Capital Outlay-Vehicles). The cost, \$193,234.00, of the Dodge Ram 5500 Bucket Truck exceeds the budgeted amount of \$174,000.00 in FY 26 GL

Code 100-4611.56014 (Capital Outlay-Vehicles).

Public works budgeted \$70,000.00 towards the purchase of the truck with service bed. Increase in pricing since original estimates increased more than anticipated. Public Works has offset this by savings of other capital outlay purchases coming under budgeted amounts.

Parks and Recreation budgeted \$174,000 towards the purchase of this bucket truck. Budget savings in excess of \$20,000.00 have been identified from lower purchase price of a skidsteer. This will allow Parks and Recreation to stay within their budget for Capital Equipment.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS
EXCEPTIONAL CITY SERVICES

6. STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES
Deliver City services consistent with our City of Buda mission and core values.

7. PROS AND CONS
Pros: Having a city owned bucket truck will improve safety, reliability, and operational efficiency while working at elevated activities. It will eliminate the need for rental of lifts and be available readily in the event of an emergency. The 2500 pickup will be replacing another similar pickup in function that has reached its life cycle. Replacing aging equipment at the correct time reduces fleet costs, downtime and reliability of services to stakeholders.

Cons: Higher cost than originally budgeted, but savings from other purchases are being used to offset the price difference.

8. ALTERNATIVES
Rentals add up in price, and availability is not a guarantee when emergency response may be needed.

9. REQUESTED ACTION / SUGGESTED MOTION / RECOMMENDATION
Staff is seeking council authorization for the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Grapevine Dodge, Chrysler and Jeep totaling \$266,026.00 for the purchase of a new 2026 Dodge Ram 2500 Truck for Public Works and a new 2026 Dodge Ram 5500 Bucket Truck for Parks and Recreation.

Attachments:

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[CITY OF BUDA 2500 SB UPDATED R3 021726.docx](#)