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TO: CEA Review Committee

FROM: Jeff Plasschaert

DATE: 2/12/2019

RE: Request to change Reid Golf Course fairway mower #629 to a smaller like kind mower and greens top-dresser.

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Parks, Recreation & Facilities Management Department is requesting permission to replace Reid Golf Course's fairway mower #629 to a 5-gang fairway mower and greens top-dresser.

Unit #629 is currently a 7 gang fairway mower with a cutting width of 139", the effective cutting width is approximately 120" due to overlap and the outside cutting units sitting behind the operator. With the 2013 changes to Reid Golf Course there are numerous fairways where the large machine is not necessary and operators use only 5 cutting units to complete. The requested 5 gang mower will have a cutting width of 100" and be more effective with having the outside cutting units in front of the operator improving efficiency of overlap. The requested mower will also be able to mow surrounds where the larger unit cannot fit into the tight areas. The extra labor for the narrower cutting width is estimated to be less than an hour per week, but would make up for lost labor in surround mowing which is currently done with a triplex.

The second request for the replacement of #629 is purchasing a new greens top-dresser for Reid and adding it to the CEA fleet. The current top-dresser was put into service in 1995 at the cost of \$7,400. Over the past few seasons it has become increasingly difficult to find parts to maintain this unit. Top-dressers are used to apply a light, even coating of sand to the surface of the green which helps with thatch management and ball roll. The requested top-dresser will be easier to load with tractor buckets and will also have the ability to be used as a material handler for hauling larger loads of sand and gravel for sand bunker additions and drainage. The current unit does not have this option as it is a dedicated unit. The new unit will be a pull behind unit which can be operated from vehicles already in the Reid Golf Course CEA fleet.

These changes to unit #629 based on estimated costs gathered will not cost Reid Golf Course any additional dollars beyond the like kind replacement cost of the current unit #629 at \$73,495. The estimated cost to purchase the 5-gang out-front mower is \$56,695. The estimated cost for the topper dresser is \$15,157. As an Enterprise Fund this is a unique opportunity to fill a need of the golf course without needing to add additional expense to the operating budget.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.