



**AGENDA MEMO**  
2/21/2017 Agenda

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Elizabeth Anderson, Purchasing Manager

**SUBJECT:** Discuss Purchase of Parks Grapple Truck

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**BACKGROUND:**

The Parks Department is requesting guidance regarding the repair or replacement of a Grapple truck. The FY17 budget plans for the replacement of this vehicle; however, insufficient funds have been allocated for this purchase.

The grapple truck is used on an as-needed basis to pick up storm debris, plant large trees, access and maneuver in alleys and park sites, clean creek channels, lift heavy objects such as stones and damaged concrete, and to remove fountains for periodic maintenance. It is also shared with the Public Works Department when street projects require the use of the claw attachment.

The new vehicle would be a 2018 Freightliner M2106 with a Pac Mac SKBR-220A-CN-MJ bulk trash grapple loader. The vehicle can be purchased from Freightliner of Austin for \$135,904.00. This is \$46,000 more than what was budgeted. However, the 2002 vehicle is unreliable and the Fleet Department estimates that repairs could cost up to \$20,000.00.

The purchase, if approved by Council, would be made via BuyBoard contract # 521-16. BuyBoard contracts have been competitively bid and thus satisfy State purchasing guidelines.

The memo for Les Jackson, Fleet Manager, and the purchase quote are attached.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff will take direction from Council on how to proceed.