To: Mayor and City Council
From: Pamela Sloan, Director of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION: PURCHASE OF ONE (1) HIGH PRODUCTION ROTARY MOWER (PUR 04-118)

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution approving findings and authorizing the replacement purchase of one (1) high production rotary mower through the City of Modesto’s Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with H.V. Carter Co., in the amount of $77,080.04.

DISCUSSION

Background

The proposed mower will be utilized city-wide by Parks and Recreation personnel for public parks maintenance.

It will replace a 1986 model Parks tractor that has 12,000 hours on its hour meter, and a 30 year old 5-gang reel mower unit. The tractor is in need of major engine and steering repairs, and due to its age, the mower unit requires many repair parts to be made by hand.

Both units are fully depreciated and the City’s Fleet Manager has recommended they be replaced.

The new unit is of a design that is capable of mowing 16.5 acres/hour versus 6.5 acres/hour for the current tractor and mower combination. This new technology will allow for increased productivity in the parks maintenance system.

Present Situation

Participation in cooperative purchasing programs with other public entities that have gone through the bid processes not only provides cost savings by means of purchasing volume but also reduces staff time in developing bid specifications, or hiring an outside consultant to write and review all bids, and conducting the bid process.

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Findings

Stockton Municipal Code Section 3-105 (D) provides for an exception to the competitive bidding requirements in cases where the City Council has approved findings which support and justify the purchase via a cooperative purchasing agreement.

Proposed findings to support this purchase are as follows:

1) The City of Modesto has established a cooperative purchase agreement for the purchase of a high production rotary mower.

2) The City of Modesto established this cooperative purchase agreement pursuant to a competitive bidding process.

3) The bid specification used by the City of Modesto has been assessed as compatible to the City of Stockton standards.

Financial Summary

Sufficient funds are available in the Fleet Internal Service Fund Account No. 501-5060-670.80-02 for this replacement purchase.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED BY CITY MANAGER

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