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A RESOLUTION

Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract in the Best Interests of the City with the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder to Furnish and Install a new Log Loader and Grapppler for the Parks/Forestry & Recreation Department.

WHEREAS, the Parks/Forestry and Recreation Department has expanded its tree trimming program; and

WHEREAS, the loader/grapppler is an essential tool used by the department in its operations; and

WHEREAS, one of the department's two loader/grappplers was recently not certified for service due to needed repairs, which would not be cost-effective to make to an older unit such as the unit referenced, and the unit needs to be replaced; and

WHEREAS, the City advertised for bids on December 14, 2000 and will open said bids on December 22, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Evanston City Council's first scheduled meeting after the December 22, 2000 bid opening is January 8, 2001; and

WHEREAS, by placing the order with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in December, after the bid opening and prior to mid-January, the City will decrease the lead time for receiving the loader/grapppler by 1-2 months; and

WHEREAS, section 1-17-1 (A) of the City Code provides that the City Manager can make purchases in excess of \$15,000.00 without prior City Council approval when, as here, there is an opportunity for a substantial economic benefit not otherwise obtainable, and a determination is made by the City Manager prior to executing any contract authorized hereby that said contract is in the best interests of the City and appropriate; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1: That the City Council finds the foregoing as facts and incorporates them herein.

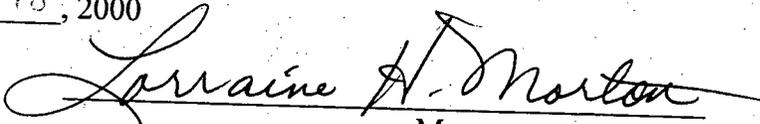
SECTION 2: That the City Manager is hereby authorized and the City Clerk hereby authorized and directed to attest on behalf of the City of Evanston a contract, with the lowest responsive, responsible bidder to furnish and install a new loader/grapppler, the bids for which are to be opened on or about December 22, 2000, if the City Manager has first determined that execution of said contract is in the best interests of the City,

SECTION 3: That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate additional terms of any contract awarded as he may determine to be in the best interest of the City.

SECTION 4: That the City Manager will make a report to the City Council at the Council's January 8, 2001 meeting pursuant to section 1-17-1 (A) of the City Code regarding any contract awarded.

SECTION 5: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

Adopted: December 18, 2000



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk