City of Birmingham
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MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: **February 10, 2015**

TO: **Joseph A. Valentine, City Manager**

FROM: **Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services**

SUBJECT: **Purchase of Toro 648 Aerifier**

Golf course aerifiers #182 and #189 are Toro aerators purchased in 2004 in the amount of $23,546.00. These are in need of replacement due to age and condition. The aerators are used by the golf courses to aerify greens, tees, and other areas on both of the golf courses.

The Department of Public Services recommends replacing these two (2) aerifiers with one (1) Toro 648 Aerifier. The new one is twice as wide, faster and is a more efficient machine for this type of purpose. The older smaller units are obsolete and are no longer made by Toro. Therefore, we only need to purchase one unit, rather replace both of the older units.

Once the order is placed for the replacement aerifier, it will take approximately 2-4 weeks for delivery. Upon delivery, these two existing aerators, #182 and #189 will be placed on the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network for re-sale.

State of Michigan extended purchasing contract #071B0200329 is available for the Toro 648 Aerifier. Spartan Distributors is the exclusive dealer for this contract and was contacted for pricing. The price of this vehicle is $23,445.77. Funds for this purchase are available in the Equipment Fund account # 641-441.006-971.0100.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION:
To approve the purchase of one (1) new Toro 648 Aerifier from Spartan Distributors, through the State of Michigan extendable purchasing contract #071B0200329 for a total expenditure of $23,445.77. Funds for this purchase are available in the Equipment Fund account #641-441.006-971.0100.