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RESOLUTION NUMBER 1012

A RESOLUTION TO NEGOTIATE THE PURCHASE OF A DEEP TINE AERATOR FROM FINCH SERVICES, INC., OF WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND, AT A COST OF \$15,500

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WHEREAS, for several years now, the Public Works Department budget has included monies for contractual deep core aeration work on the Braden football field, which has helped significantly to reduce soil compaction and improved drainage; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that all the City's athletic fields would benefit greatly from this treatment; and

WHEREAS, this treatment can also be used to perform deep core aeration at the drip lines of mature trees, reducing the financial and environmental impacts of the increasing decline and loss of large, mature trees in the City due to soil compaction and drainage problems; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the City could do this work with existing staff at considerably less expense by purchasing the necessary deep core aeration equipment rather than by increasing the contract work; and

WHEREAS, of the two brands of aerators that are made, the Soil Reliever model #48 has been determined to be somewhat better for this work at a slightly lower cost than the competing Redexim Verti-Drain; and

WHEREAS, savings to the Replacement Fund, as well as the savings on contractual aeration would permit purchase of this equipment. NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, that the City Manager be authorized to negotiate the purchase of a Soil Reliever Model #48 from Finch Services, Inc., of Westminster, Maryland, at a cost of \$15,500 as offered in their quotation of January 13, 2007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, at its regular meeting of March 26, 2007.

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Judith F. Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk