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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreation Department is responsible for maintaining City owned facilities and street boulevards in an efficient manner, with public safety being a top priority, and

WHEREAS, these facilities/boulevards have numerous ash trees currently growing within their boundaries, and

WHEREAS, the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has made its way into the La Crosse area and will infest said ash trees resulting in potential public safety issues, and

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreation Department and the Park Board have publically stated it is in the best interest of City residents and the general public's safety to be pro-active in controlling the EAB infestation of ash trees within said facilities and boulevards, and

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse Common Council adopted in Resolution file # 2012-12-055 an Emerald Ash Borer Action Plan for the City Of La Crosse to be pro-active in controlling the EAB infestation as recommended by the Park and Recreation Department and the Park Board, and

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreation Department and the Park Board are responsible for the oversight of the actions and activities related to the Emerald Ash Borer Action Plan for The City Of La Crosse in a pro-active manner, and

WHEREAS the Park and Recreation Department has begun actions and activities toward said Emerald Ash Borer Action Plan to include concentrated ash tree removal efforts which include tree/brush chipping, and

WHEREAS, the availability of a second tree/brush chipper would greatly enhance the efficiency of tree/brush chipping as part of this concentrated effort, and

WHEREAS, the City Purchasing Buyer has negotiated to acquire a used demonstrator chipper meeting the needs of the Park and Recreation Department, and

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreation Department has been prudent with past Capital Equipment purchases and has remaining funds available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of La Crosse Common Council that it hereby authorizes the Park and Recreation Department to procure the above listed used demonstrator tree/brush chipper, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the tree/brush chipper procurement be funded from:
4807615-586000-EQP12 \$2,181.22
4807615-586000-EQP13 \$33,108.78,

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Public Works, the Superintendent of Parks, and the Director of Finance are hereby authorized to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.