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Honorable Mayor John Dickert and the
Members of the Common Council
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am requesting permission to appear before the Public Works and Services Committee to discuss the procurement of refuse carts. This is an informational communication.

The City is a member of various cooperative bidding agencies and our ordinance allows the Purchasing Agent to utilize these already competitive bid contracts. Recently US Communities, with Miami-Dade County as the lead agency, procured refuse carts. As a member of US Communities, the City is allowed to take advantage of the pricing secured by this agency.

Under this contract, the city will procure 27,000 refuse carts with associated identification (RFID) chips from Rehrig-Pacific, located in Pleasant Prairie, WI. This is the same company that we purchased our recycling carts from in 2010. We look forward to a continued positive partnership with Rehrig-Pacific as the carts are distributed in late summer of 2017.

The cost of the carts, identification chips, six truck mounted readers and distribution to Racine households is \$1,400,850.00. Funds of \$1.5 million for this purchase were budgeted in 2016 & 2017 and currently are available in account 45040 57300.

Respectfully Submitted,



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