



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
March 23, 2010**

ITEM TITLE:

Resolution rescinding Resolution 2009-81 that authorized the purchase of a Mack 2 Low Profile Surface Dredger from Liverpool Water Witch Marine & Engineering Co. Ltd., from Liverpool, UK and amending Resolution 2009-137 by not appropriating the funds from the Stormwater Utility Fund for said purchase

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER:

Approval

BRIEF HISTORY:

The Public Works Department currently utilizes a Water Witch Surface Dredger to perform maintenance on City canals such as seaweed removal and bridge repair. On March 24, 2008, the City Commission adopted Resolution 2009-81 that authorized the purchase of a Mack 2 Low Profile Surface Dredger from Liverpool Water Witch Marine & Engineering Co. Ltd., of Liverpool, UK. The current cost of the vessel is £137,305.00 (\$208,549.74 USD).

Steve Riley, the Automotive Director, determined that the existing Water Witch Vessel could be refurbished at a cost of approximately \$10,000. This refurbishment will bring the vessel back to an operating condition that meets the City's canal maintenance requirements for the foreseeable future thereby eliminating the need to purchase the Mack 2 Vessel. The vessel is in operation approximately one-hundred (120) hours per year.

Section 2-829 of the Procurement Code states that the City Commission, upon recommendation of the City Manager, has sole authority to rescind an award or terminate a contract in excess of \$100,000.00 on a single purchase or per annum basis. Therefore, as a result of the refurbishment of the existing Water Witch, it is recommended that the Commission rescind Resolution 2009-81 that authorized the purchase of a new vessel and amend Resolution 2009-137 by not appropriating the funds from the Stormwater Fund for the purchase. This will result in a savings of approximately \$200,000.

APPROVED BY:

Department Director	City Attorney	City Manager

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Resolution