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NORTH LITTLE ROCK PARKS and RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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To Mayor Terry Hartwick,

I reviewed the video of the City Council meeting on March 23, 2026, regarding the purchase of a reel mower for the soccer fields. The City of Little Rock purchased a Baroness reel mower, which was a smaller model with a 44-horsepower motor. The North Little Rock Parks and Recreation Department would like to purchase a 7000D Toro mower with a 55-horsepower motor. The new mower will be used to mow 17 soccer fields regularly and has a wider cut, allowing workers to work more efficiently. All of the 17 soccer fields have Bermuda grass, and to ensure a proper playing field, each field has to stay manicured at a specific height of half an inch to one inch at all times. We cut each field twice a week to keep it ready for play. The Toro 7000D mower is a commercial unit with a 55-horsepower diesel engine, and it has a 5-gang cut and is 121" wide. Based on our requirements and to ensure our fields meet specifications, we selected the best equipment for the job. To ensure we received the best price on the mower we selected, we used Sourcewell.

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