

Title: Contract / Professional Services – Pullen Park Electric Train Engine Acquisition – Chance Rides, LLC
Meeting Date: July 1, 2025
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Department: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources
Sponsor: Adam Forman

Agenda Content:

Adam Forman, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources

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The Pullen Park train consisting of a train engine and passenger cars are a central feature of Pullen Park Historic Attractions located at 520 Ashe Avenue in Raleigh. Currently Pullen Park operates a propane train engine nearing the end of its service life. Monies for acquisition are provided from PRCR Capital Improvement Fund as well as a \$100,000 from the Office of Sustainability Climate Action Fund.

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The project was publicly advertised for bid on March 21, 2025 based on criteria to produce an electric train engine while matching current track gauge and passenger car compatibility. The public bid deadline closed on April 25, 2025 with the winning bidder, Chance Rides, submitting a total project cost of \$372,850. Chance Rides also built the current propane engine and passenger cars and considered a leader in the attractions industry.

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Chance Rides, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$372,850 for the acquisition of an electric train engine at Pullen Park Historic Attractions.