

TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Daniel Novak, Director of Athletics & Facilities
Adam Lewandowski, Superintendent of Athletic & Facilities
Matthew Wrobel, Athletic Manager
THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director
RE: Approval of Payment exceeding \$10,000
DATE: September 14, 2022



SUMMARY:

Staff seeks board approval for payment to TPS Sports in the amounts of \$19,800, \$15,840, and \$19,800 for football helmets for the 2022 Rams Football Season.

The Athletic Department included football helmets on the Football Uniforms and Athletic Equipment bid that was opened on Tuesday, February 15 and approved at the March 16 board meeting. Riddell was the only vendor who bid on football helmets. After being awarded the bid Riddell informed us, they could not honor their bid submission as they were not producing any further helmets for the 2022 season.

After contacting various vendors that came back with the same response that due to supply chain issues, they were not producing helmets for the 2022 season, the Athletic Department was able to secure three price quotes from TPS Sports, Schutt Sports, and Xenith.

Staff originally ordered 50 Light Helmets from TPS Sports at the lowest cost of \$396 per helmet. Due to an unexpected surge in registrations, tackle football going from 190 participants in 2021 to over 280 participants in 2022, more helmets were needed, and 40 Light Helmets were ordered from TPS Sports. In July Riddell returned our reconditioned helmets from the 2021 season and there were a lot more rejected for safe use than anticipated. Due to this, and more last-minute registrations, 50 additional Light Helmets from TPS Sports were ordered of the lowest priced helmet.

REVENUE OR FUNDING IMPLICATIONS:

Funding for these additionally 140 Light Helmets will be paid for out of the Rams Football Operational Budget as well as the Rams Football \$5 fund balance. Price Quotes Listed Below:

Company	Price/Helmet
TPS Sports	\$396.00
Schutt Sports	\$430.00
Xenith	\$459.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval for Resolution 2022-06 a resolution ratifying and approving the emergency expenditure of funds without competitive bidding for the purchase of football helmets for the 2022 Rams football season.