

AGENDA ITEM #: _____

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CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

SUBJECT: Approve Expenditure of FY2020 Funds for the Purchase of one Fire Pumper and Related Funding and Budget Transfer

STAFF PRESENTER(S): Paul Luizzi, Fire Chief

OTHER PRESENTER(S): None

Summary: Request City Council approval of an unbudgeted FY2020 expenditure to purchase one Fire Pumper utilizing FY2019 General Fund year-end savings and related budget transfer.

Recommendation:

Approve FY2020 expenditure not to exceed \$732,000 and a budget transfer to use FY2019 yearend General Fund savings for the purchase of one Pierce fire pumper.

Fiscal Impact: This purchase is not in the FY2020 budget but can be funded with FY2019 yearend General Fund savings.

Though yearend adjustments and the final audit are not complete for FY2019, budgetary savings are estimated to exceed the FY2020 need for General Fund savings for the civic square project, plus this acquisition. Initial results indicate construction sales taxes and development related revenues alone exceed the FY2019 estimate by a combined \$5 million and expenditures savings are estimated at \$7 million. Both will change due to ongoing yearend adjustments; however, the changes are not anticipated to be materially reduce the savings.

Background and Previous Actions

Per resolution 08-1255, all expenditures of budgeted funds in excess of \$500,000 must obtain council approval.

Over the last few years, there has been an increased amount of difficulty with ensuring the availability and back-up fire engines when our front-line engines are out for preventative maintenance or general service. As a result, the Department has delayed preventive maintenance and warranty work on newer vehicles.

Early in FY2020, Fleet and Equipment Management initiated a collaborative and detailed analysis with the Fire Department regarding the City's fire pumper operational readiness. Results of this

analysis detailed the Frontline to Reserve pumper ratio within the fleet is inadequate and below Valley benchmarking. The impact of not having enough reserve pumpers on hand has resulted in longer out of service times for our frontline fire pumpers while at Fleet for repair. This detailed analysis process concluded with the recommendation to purchase a stock Pierce fire pumper truck immediately and program an additional pumper in the FY21 CIP.

Staff Analysis

Staff's detailed analysis has shown that there is an inadequate fleet reserve. The lack of reserve fleet & unforeseen mechanical problems, has necessitated the use of the 2006 Pierce engines, which both have over 160,000 miles as front-line engines. During the last 2 years, 30% of the Department's weekend coverage time has been without back-up response vehicles.

Throughout this detailed analysis process, key considerations were reviewed and include: meeting the operational needs of the fire personnel, delivery time of the new unit, and logistical support after the purchase. The city will use a cooperative purchasing contract to purchase the fire pumper and the vendor selection process adhered to the city purchasing requirements.

Attachments

Hughes Fire Equipment Agreement (CON-20-5089)
Amendment (CON-20-5089-A1)