



REPORT to the MAYOR and MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL
From the CITY MANAGER

DATE: November 22, 2022

SUBJECT: Resolution to Approve the Emergency Purchase of a Replacement Pierce Triple Combination Pumper from South Coast Fire Equipment to be used by the Fire Department on Emergency Responses

ISSUING DEPARTMENT: Fire

SUMMARY:

Issues:

Should the City Council adopt a resolution to approve the emergency purchase of a replacement Pierce triple combination pumper from South Coast Fire Equipment for a not to exceed amount of \$976,000?

Recommendation:

That the City Council adopt a resolution to approve the emergency purchase of a replacement Pierce combination pumper from South Coast Fire Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$976,000

Fiscal Impact:

The quoted cooperative contract cost for the vehicle is \$961,334.97. The total cost of the engine should not exceed \$976,000. Funds are requested from the unappropriated reserves and will then be moved into the Equipment Replacement Account 1315-6585.

City's Strategic Goals:

- Safe community

BACKGROUND:

The Fire Department uses Triple Combination Pumpers for emergency responses due to the versatility and statewide typing of this piece of equipment. Fire Engine 11 was recently involved in an accident, in which it sustained major damage. The City was not at fault for the accident. It is our intention to utilize all available insurance options for cost recovery. The total repair costs are currently unknown, with the possibility of the fire engine being unrepairable or, at best, the repairs taking over a year to complete. The loss of Engine 11 has resulted in a 16-year-old reserve engine having to be placed into front line status. It also creates a reduction in our reserve fleet to a single engine that is 20 years old.

The purchase order will be contingent upon Pierce Manufacturing Inc. and Southcoast Fire Equipment meeting the City of La Mesa's purchasing requirements, including supplying Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) pricing, providing a detailed specification, proof of insurance and bid bond. Delivery of this unit is expected in April of 2023. This is substantially quicker than ordering a custom apparatus, which would be delivered in 22-26 months while incurring a higher cost.

Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. is the supplier of standardized fire engine equipment for the City of La Mesa - Heartland Fire & Rescue fleet because the equipment has proven to be very reliable with minimal down time for repairs. Southcoast Fire Equipment is the exclusive dealer of Pierce Fire Engines. Entering a contract to purchase a fire engine will bring a new apparatus into front-line service, providing reliable service to the citizens.

DISCUSSION:

In accordance with the La Mesa Municipal Code Section 2.40.190 – Cooperative Purchasing, the Purchasing Officer shall have the authority to join with other public jurisdictions in cooperative purchasing plans, programs or pricing agreements. South Coast Fire Equipment is the local supplier of Pierce engines and has provided a quote utilizing pricing from a cooperative purchasing program, the HGAC. The City has previously used this program to purchase other equipment. Once the order is placed for this unit, the truck will be built and is anticipated to arrive within six months. The purchase price of the replacement equipment is expected to not exceed \$976,000.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution to approve the purchase of a replacement Pierce triple combination pumper from South Coast Fire Equipment in the amount of \$976,000.

Reviewed by:



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Attachments: A. Resolution
 B. HGAC Contract Pricing Worksheet