## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date: 10/12/09 Item No.: 12.d

Department Approval

City Manager Approval

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#### Item Description:

Authorize the Fire Department to Advertise for Bids for a Fire Rescue/Pumper Apparatus and Accompanying Equipment

#### BACKGROUND

- The Fire Department continually evaluates the Fire Apparatus Fleet and the need to replace
- apparatus as they age and require increased costs of maintenance. The Fire Department
- 4 currently has a 22 year old Fire Engine that has been scheduled for replacement approximately 2
- years ago. This apparatus has exceeded its life expectancy, and is now in need of replacement.
- 6 The current apparatus is in need of significant maintenance to remain an in-service vehicle for
- the Fire Department, including many updates to remain in compliance with National Fire
- 8 Protection Agency Safety and Use Standards. Due to the age of this apparatus, the safety of
- 9 occupants riding in the apparatus is significantly decreased when compared to more modern Fire
- 10 Apparatus.

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- The Fire Department therefore seeks permission from City Council to advertise for bids for a
- replacement Fire Rescue/Pumper Apparatus. The anticipated cost for this apparatus and
- 14 equipment is between \$450,000 and \$500,000.

#### 15 FINANCIAL IMPACTS

- Money for the replacement of this apparatus is currently in the Fire Department Vehicle
- 17 Replacement fund requiring no additional allocation of funds.

#### 18 STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- Staff recommends council authorize the Fire Department to advertise for bid for a new
- 20 Rescue/Pumper apparatus and accompanying equipment.

#### 21 REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

- 22 Authorize the Fire Department to seek bids for the purchase of a new Fire Rescue/Pumper
- 23 apparatus and accompanying equipment for said apparatus.

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### Current Fire Department Fleet

Engine 21-

Engine 11-

Rescue 16-

Utility vehicle-

Engine 32-

Engine 31- (staffed engine)

Ladder 38-

Medic 3-

Medic 4-

Command vehicle

Fire Marshal's vehicle

Fire Inspector's vehicle

22 years old responds from Fire Station #2

18 years old responds from Fire Station #1

18 years old responds from Fire Station #1

19 years old responds from Fire Station #1

13 years old responds from Fire Station #3

6 years old responds from Fire Station #3

10 years old responds from Fire Station #3

2 years old responds from Fire Stations #3

3 years old responds from Fire Station #3

3 years old Chief O'Neill's take home vehicle

12 years old

10 years old

### Fire Department Fleet Reductions

Ladder Eliminated from fleet in 2009 savings \$1,200,000

Engine Eliminated from fleet in 2003 savings \$400,000

Grass unit Eliminated from fleet in 2006 savings \$120,000

Rescue vehicle Planned reduction from fleet in 2013 savings \$450,000

**Total Fleet Reduction Savings \$2,170,000** 





## **Engine Highlights**

- □ 5- person custom cab with the most advanced safety features.
- □ Seat belt warning system- with three point belts
- □ Advanced seating system providing secure ride for all firefighters
- □ Latest in emergency warning system
- □ Fully NFPA compliant
- □ 1500 GPM pump
- □ 500 gallons of water
- □ 30 gallons of class A foam
- □ On-board electric generator
- □ New vehicle rescue equipment

### **Financial Points**

- □ Vehicle would be purchased using the Fire
  □ Department Vehicle replacement fund
- □ Anticipated cost of vehicle and accessory equipment about \$480,000
- □ Delivery of vehicle fall of 2010
- We anticipate a savings for maintenance costs of about \$60,000 over the first three years of the life of the new engine.

### **Financial Points**

- □ Advantages of purchasing new engine in 2009
  - EPA Emissions Standards- Saving estimated \$20,000 to \$25,000
  - Avoid annual manufacture increase of between 3-6% (\$13,500-27,000)
  - Avoid 2010 annual testing and repairs of 22 year old engine
  - Firefighter safety
  - Vehicle and equipment reliability

### **Committee Work**

- □ 10 member committee
- □ Research and specification writing
- □ Bid process
- □ Acceptance of bid
- Building process
- Delivery
- Vehicle training