

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** MARCH 29, 1999
FROM: CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: EXCHANGE OF FIRE VEHICLES WITH CITY OF GLENDALE

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement to transfer to the City of Glendale two 1990 surplus ambulances in exchange for a 1976 aerial ladder truck from the City of Glendale.

It is further recommended that to the extent this transaction may be considered to be subject to the Salvage and Scrap Property Ordinance P.M.C. 4.04, the City Council find that based upon the information contained herein that a valid public purpose is served by exempting the proposed exchange from the provisions of that Ordinance.

BACKGROUND

The City of Pasadena's fleet of fire vehicles normally includes three aerial ladder trucks. Of this total, two trucks are placed in active service with the remaining truck held in reserve. In late 1998, one of the active service trucks, which was scheduled for replacement, became inoperable and was transferred to salvage. As a result, the reserve truck was placed into active service. Subsequently, this truck suffered ladder failure, thereby necessitating that it be removed from service.

A replacement for the truck that was salvaged is on order and scheduled to arrive by August. Additionally, repairs on the truck that experienced failure of its ladder, will be completed in approximately three months.

In the interim, in order to maintain an appropriate level of readiness, the Pasadena Fire Department has, since September, been utilizing an aerial ladder truck on loan from the City of Glendale. This truck is no longer needed by the Glendale Fire Department.

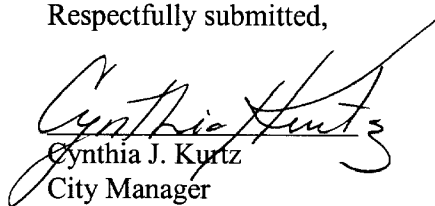
At present, the City of Pasadena has two rescue ambulances which are nine years old, have exceeded their useful lifecycle and are earmarked for auction. The City of Glendale has indicated that it would be willing to trade the aerial ladder truck currently being used by Pasadena for these ambulances. Staff recommends making the trade, as it is a cost-efficient way to maintain aerial ladder truck readiness.

There is no specific City ordinance dealing with exchanges of this sort. The Salvage and Scrap Property Ordinance addresses the disposition of City property that is no longer of usefulness to the City. To the extent that this transaction represents a transfer of assets from the City to another agency, it may be considered governed by the Salvage Ordinance. Therefore, it is recommended that the City Council exempt this transaction from the standard disposal procedures of the Salvage Ordinance.

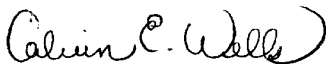
FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with the proposed exchange. Glendale places the value of its truck at \$10,000. The estimated value of the City's ambulances, were they to be auctioned, is estimated at approximately \$4,000 each.


Respectfully submitted,


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