

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: March 22, 2004

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE PURCHASE ORDER WITH ROAD RESCUE FOR PURCHASE OF TWO NEW 2004 RESCUE AMBULANCES FOR A TOTAL OF \$240,304

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council;

- 1) Authorize the issuance of a purchase order to Road Rescue in an amount not to exceed \$240,304 for the purchase of two Rescue Ambulances.
- 2) Grant the proposed purchase order an exemption from competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter section 1002(H), contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors for labor, material, supplies or services.

BACKGROUND

The Fire Department is in need of replacing two emergency rescue ambulances, equipment #1281 a 1994 model stationed at Fire Station 32 and #1282 a 1996 model stationed at Fire Station 33. These emergency vehicles have exceeded their five year lifecycle, have over 268,000 miles collectively, and are no longer economical to maintain. The vehicle replacement/condition reports are attached.

National Fire Prevention Association studies show that advanced life support (ALS) can be a significant factor in saving a victim's life when it is administered within three to five minutes of a medical emergency. One goal of the Pasadena Fire Department is to be able to provide advanced life support from each of the eight geographic districts in the City. The purchase of two new rescue ambulances will bring the average age of the fleet down to three years old from the current seven years old. Reducing the age of the fleet will allow the Pasadena Fire Department to assign late model vehicles in each district. This will help ensure that the Fire Department continues to meet and/or improve upon the NFPA standards.

rescue ambulances. As a result of the bid process, a contract was awarded to Road Rescue. Road Rescue has offered to extend this 2003 bid price to the City of Pasadena. By taking advantage of this opportunity the City will realize cost savings of approximately \$5,612 based on vehicle pricing as of January 2004. Additionally, the ambulances purchased by Sacramento Fire are the same build configuration as the last three ambulances purchased by the City. Continuing to purchase units with this configuration will help to reduce both repair costs and vehicle downtime due to parts standardization and mechanic familiarity with the equipment.


FISCAL IMPACT

This equipment is a budgeted replacement and funds in the amount of \$240,304 are available for use in the Equipment Replacement Fund, account #766300.

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