

# Agenda Report

May 3, 2021

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Department of Public Works  
**SUBJECT:** **AUTHORIZE PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH SOUTH COAST FIRE EQUIPMENT, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE REPLACEMENT 2021 PIERCE ARROW XT TRIPLE COMBINATION ENGINE PUMPER TRUCK FOR A TOTAL OF \$954,549**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that this action is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3), the General Rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;
2. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase order contract with South Coast Fire Equipment, Inc. for the purchase of one 2021 Pierce Arrow XT Triple Combination Engine Pumper Truck in an amount not to exceed \$954,549. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(H), contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors for labor, materials, supplies or services; and
3. It is further recommended that the City Council grant the proposed purchase order contract an exemption from the Competitive Selection process pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.049(B), contracts for which the City's best interests are served.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Pasadena Fire Department (PFD) is an "All Hazard" response agency which responds to all calls for public assistance including emergency medical service, fires, and public and private hazards. The PFD currently operates 13 pumpers (nine Seagrave and four Pierce), eight of which are frontline pumpers and five reserve pumpers.

The new fire apparatus will be housed at Fire Station 33 and placed into front line service to assist with over 3,500 service calls received at this station annually. Upon delivery of the new replacement pumper, front line Pierce pumper #2097 will be moved to reserve

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status and reserve Seagrave pumper #3505 will be salvaged. The vehicle being replaced, #2097, is a 2006 Pierce Pumper with over 180,339 miles; the vehicle set for salvage, #3505, is a 1994 Seagrave Pumper with over 236,457 miles. Attachment A and B contains the Vehicle Condition Reports.

A pumper for an "All Hazard" agency must be responsive to the unique needs of the City it serves. In preparation for this purchase, the PFD convened a committee to develop the vehicle specifications based on current and future departmental needs. This committee was comprised of a diverse selection of departmental staff, Fire Captains, Fire Engineers, Firefighter Paramedics, and other experienced personnel including mechanics from Fleet Maintenance.

The committee solicited input from the entire department and consulted with the personnel to be assigned to this equipment in order to determine the capabilities and features required of the new Pumper. PFD and Fleet Maintenance personnel also conducted a tour of the Pierce Manufacturing Plant as well as a site visit to Glendale Fire Department to view their newly delivered Pierce pumpers and to address the maintenance, functionality, and serviceability of this pumper. Furthermore, committee members consulted other local area agencies (Cities of Arcadia, San Marino, Los Angeles, Torrance, and Redondo Beach) to evaluate their satisfaction with their exiting Pierce pumpers. Based on the existing fleet of pumpers and the specific needs of the PFD, the Pierce Arrow XT model was determined by the committee to be the best fit. This proposed purchase is in line with the current fleet of fire pumpers, which is critically important as apparatus standardization improves firefighter safety and efficiency.

The Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC) is one of the largest regional planning commissions in the country and focuses on providing purchasing solutions to jurisdictions. One such effort managed by HGAC is HGACBuy, a nationwide government procurement service which aims to make the process more efficient. HGACBuy awards contracts through a public competitive procurement process; contracts are available to participating members such as the City of Pasadena. On June 27, 2019, HGACBuy issued an invitation to submit competitive bids for "Fire Service Apparatus (All Types)". The bid closed on July 24, 2019 and 29 bids were received. HGACBuy recommended awarding Pierce and its subsidiaries such as South Coast Fire Equipment, Inc. the contract for the following categories:

- Aerials;
- Wildland Fire Apparatus;
- Pumper Fire Apparatus;
- Special Service Apparatus; and
- Pumper/Tankers and Tankers.

Purchasing the requested pumper utilizing the HGACBuy contract is in the City's best interest as it reduces the amount of time required to take delivery of new equipment and eliminates the need to solicit for items that are already competitively priced. There are no vendors located in Pasadena that provide this equipment. Lastly, the fact that HGACBuy

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awarded its contract through a competitive bid ensures the cost competitiveness of the purchase.

South Coast Fire Equipment, Inc., the exclusive authorized dealer of Pierce fire apparatus in Southern California, has agreed to extend the contract prices, terms, and conditions of this contract to the City of Pasadena for the purchase of one new 2021 Pierce Arrow XT Triple Combination Engine Pumper Truck using the HGACBuy Contract FS12-19. The vehicle will be delivered within approximately 13 months after receipt of purchase order.

**COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

By providing the PFD with the proper equipment to perform its function, the proposed purchase furthers the City Council's Strategic Plan goals to ensure public safety and increase conservation and sustainability.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:**


This purchase complies with all South Coast Air Quality Management District rules and regulations for engine emissions and clean air standards in the South Coast basin.

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

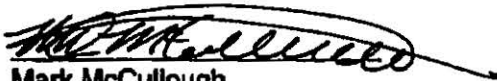
The cost of this action is \$954,549. Funding for this action will be addressed by the utilization of existing budgeted appropriations in the Fleet Replacement Fund, budget account 50322060-850500. Indirect and support costs such as maintenance and repair are anticipated to be \$450,000 over the lifecycle of the vehicle and will be addressed annually by utilization of existing budgeted appropriations in the Fire Department's operating budget account 10131016-861600.

Respectfully submitted,



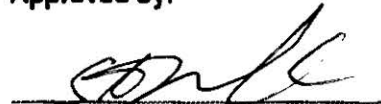
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Attachment A – Vehicle No. 2097 Condition Report  
Attachment B – Vehicle No. 3503 Condition Report