

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** JANUARY 25, 1998
FROM: CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: EXCHANGE OF AERIAL LADDERS WITH CITY OF LOS ANGELES

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement to transfer to the City of Los Angeles the 100' aerial ladder of truck 0533 in exchange for similar equipment from the City of Los Angeles.

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

On December 7, 1998 the City Council approved the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$66,346, to FWD Corporation for the repair and refurbishment of the 100' aerial ladder for aerial ladder truck 0533.

Subsequently, the subject ladder was removed from the aerial ladder truck and shipped to FWD's facility in Wisconsin. It is estimated that the repairs to the ladder will take approximately six months. Ordinarily, this would place the City in the undesirable position of having the ladder truck unavailable for use for the duration of the repair.

The City of Los Angeles owns an aerial ladder that is virtually identical to that owned by Pasadena. LA's ladder has recently undergone the same sort of refurbishment being applied to Pasadena's ladder, has remained unused since such refurbishment and is currently not needed for use by that city. The City of Los Angeles is willing to provide its ladder to the City of Pasadena for our immediate use, provided Pasadena turns over its ladder to Los Angeles once FWD completes its work.

Other terms of the proposed agreement include; each party being responsible for the cost of installing the ladders on their respective apparatus and each agency holding the other harmless from any and all liability resulting from use of the respective ladders. Finally, in the unlikely event Los Angeles has an emergency need for the ladder during the repair period, Pasadena agrees to either surrender the ladder or permit Los Angeles Fire Department staff to utilize Pasadena's aerial ladder truck. The City Attorney's Office and the City's Risk Manager have reviewed the proposed agreement and are satisfied with its terms.

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. The aerial ladder currently under repair is of use to the City; however, it is in the interests of the City to take advantage of this unique opportunity, as it will enable the City to maintain its response readiness. Nevertheless, 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.

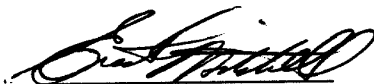
FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with the proposed exchange. The total cost of refurbishing the City's aerial ladder is \$66,346.

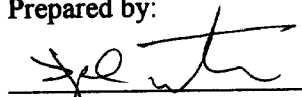
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