

STAFF REPORT

DATE: 11/08/2022

TO: City Council

FROM: Jay Cook, Director of Planning and Community Development

RE: New Truck bids for Building Inspector



SUMMARY: The Community Development Department currently has two vehicles that are used for Code Enforcement and Building Inspections.

DISCUSSION: The current vehicle that is utilized for building inspections is a 2007 Chevrolet Silverado. The vehicle experiences more than usual wear as it requires significant amounts of idle time and is turned off and on more than a usual vehicle. As building in Bel Aire increases, the amount of added wear will increase and could cause maintenance to increase significantly. A request for a bid was sent to multiple dealerships in the area. All GM produced vehicles were cut off from Fleet Orders this year according to Don Hatton Chevrolet. Because of this, any order would be done at the dealership without discounts. After this, a request was made to Rusty Eck Ford, TCS, and Mel Hambleton Ford for a quote on a 3.3L V6 4X4 Ford F-150 Crew Cab. A crew cab is necessary for the documentation and equipment that the Building Inspector must carry to perform his duties. The price of the 3 quotes are as follows:

<i>Dealership</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Estimated Delivery</i>
Rusty Eck Ford	43,081	Unknown until ordered
TCS	45,000	February 2023
Mel Hambleton Ford	46,315	Unknown until ordered

FINANCIAL: Funding for the new Planning and Zoning truck was planned and is available in the Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund.

RECOMMENDATION: While the F150 quoted by Rusty Eck Ford is the cheapest option, the PD's use of TCS and the upfitting by TCS that will need to take place on the vehicle makes TCS the best option. The Building Inspector will begin to use a laptop in the field and will need TCS to fit a stand on the vehicle once it is purchased. Due to the constraints of finding vehicles and the longer wait times once a vehicle is ordered, paying extra for a known delivery date is both an economical and logical choice. The existing vehicle will be kept by the city and utilized where needed.