
City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Public Works & Engineering
FROM: Clinton Sumerall, Deputy Director - Operations
MEETING: May 6, 2024

SUBJECT:

Consider approval of a contract for the purchase of one replacement Utility Response Vehicle for the Fire Department with Alternative Support Apparatus LLC (ASAP) in the amount of \$87,364 (*Staff Contact: Clinton Sumerall, Deputy Director Public Works & Engineering*).

SUMMARY:

The Equipment Services Division of the Public Works & Engineering Department coordinates the purchase of the majority of the City's fleet. Replacing fleet assets in a timely manner prevents the increased maintenance and indirect costs. Indirect or "hidden" costs associated with delayed asset replacement include:

- Reduced employee efficiency and lost productivity,
- Increased fleet size to compensate for higher out of service rates, and
- Increased accident rates or liability exposure.

Equipment Services staff consider several criteria including: age, miles/hours, type of service, reliability, maintenance and repair costs, and condition. Staff also consulted with the Fire Department and staff for input and confirmation of their operational needs and that the specific models recommended would meet their needs.

The existing Utility Response Vehicle, purchased in 2013, has been evaluated and is recommended to be replaced. The Fire Department has one Kawasaki Utility Response Vehicle that will be replaced with an Off Road Specialty Vehicles MedStat Utility Response Vehicle.

Recent advancements in URV design have led to vehicles specifically tailored for efficient patient treatment and off-road transport. This vehicle is crucial for city-sponsored and vendor-sponsored events, where traditional ambulances face challenges in accessibility due to the expansive event areas. After working reviewing the needs of the Fire Department, it was determined that there was only one company that produces a Utility Response Vehicle with a fully enclosed patient compartment.

Events such as BISSD football games, the Hot Sounds of Summer series, the Red, White, & BTX celebration, and the annual Christmas parade require specialized medical support due to their size and logistical complexities. The URV's ambulance-style patient compartment, provided by a single vendor, allows firefighters to deliver medical care effectively, particularly in outdoor environments with challenging conditions.

As part of the FY2022-23 and FY2023-24 budget processes, City Council approved a total of \$149,501 from the Equipment Replacement Fund for the purchase of vehicles. On September 12, 2022, \$21,855 was allocated for a Utility Response Vehicle. On September 11, 2023, \$127,646 was designated for a one-ton brush truck, with a remount of the existing apparatus and cost savings of \$32,700 being utilized for a portion of the Utility Response Vehicle. Additionally, a \$30,000 supplemental from the Equipment Replacement Fund was approved on September 11, 2023, to cover the balance of the Utility Response Vehicle.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a contract for the purchase of one replacement Utility Response Vehicle for the Fire Department with Alternative Support Apparatus LLC (ASAP) in the amount of \$87,364 (*Staff Contact: Clinton Sumerall, Deputy Director Public Works & Engineering*).

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

N/A

REFERENCE:

FISCAL IMPACT:

Explain Budgeted Y/N: Y

Fund Name: Governmental Equipment Replacement Fund

Full Account #s: 602-1302-71001

Amount: \$87,364

Project (if applicable): N/A

Financial Consideration: N/A

Explain fiscal impact if any: N/A

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