



AGENDA SECTION	CONSENT
MEETING DATE	JANUARY 11, 2021

CITY OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS - COUNCIL LETTER

ITEM:	Approve Contract with Houston-Galveston Area Council		
DEPARTMENT:	Fire	CITY MANAGER'S APPROVAL:	
BY/DATE:	Charlie Thompson January 11, 2021	BY/DATE:	<i>Kell Bonyea</i> 1/8/21
CITY STRATEGY:	#1; Safe Community		
Additional Strategy?	#7: Strong Infastructure/Public Services		
SHORT TERM GOAL (IF APPLICABLE):	Choose an item.		
Additional Goal?	Choose an item.		

BACKGROUND: During the 2021 budget proposal in October of 2020, the Fire Chief proposed the purchase of a new fire truck. The new truck will not replace any existing trucks but will be an addition to the fleet. The current engine #2 will be placed in reserved status giving the fire department the additional resources it requires during fire related events. The new truck will also assist in increasing the points given during an ISO audit. In the proposal, the fire chief detailed the different types of trucks available and explained to the Council and City Manager why he strongly recommended selecting a custom truck over the conventional style trucks the departments has purchased in past years.

During the January 4, 2021 Council work session, the Fire Chief presented a detailed description of the new truck which the fire department's truck committee has been designing for the past 12 months. The Chief again detailed the difference between a custom fire truck and a conventional fire truck for the City Council. The Fire Chief also discussed the Huston-Galveston Area Purchasing consortium the City has used in the past and made the recommendation that we purchase this truck using the Huston-Galveston Area Purchasing Consortium. A copy of the contract along with information about HGAC is included. The City attorney has reviewed the contract.

RECOMMENDED MOTION(S): Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2021-06, there being ample copies available to the public.

Move to adopt Resolution 2021-06 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a cooperative purchasing contract with Houston-Galveston Area Council.