

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Fire Apparatus Maintenance/Repair Services for Fire & EMS and Public Works
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve an agreement with Fireline, Inc., (Winder, Ga) to provide fire apparatus maintenance/repair services at a labor rate of \$100 to \$105 per hour, plus parts, equipment and other miscellaneous costs. The agreement is estimated to be for one year. However, approval is also requested to continue the contract, as needed.

The Public Works' Fleet Maintenance Division is experiencing a Fleet Maintenance Technician shortage. Several of the Division's Fleet Tech III's, responsible for repairs of fire apparatus vehicles, have retired or are in the process of retiring. Public Works has advertised these positions to fill the vacancies but has yet to find qualified individuals that have the training and/or experience to work on these special vehicles. The Fleet Maintenance Division is required, based on accreditations and other identifying credentials, to have certified technicians/mechanics work on these vehicles. While searching and hiring qualified individuals, the Division must continue the maintenance of this equipment. Consequently, due to the retirements and shortages, contracted services are required.

The vendor will provide certified repair technicians to come on site at the City's Fleet Shop to perform needed maintenance and repairs on the City's fire apparatus. Public Works' technicians will continue to perform standard maintenance on the engine and transmissions of these vehicles. However, Fireline will handle the fire apparatus portions of the vehicles, i.e. pumps, wiring/electrical, ladders, etc...

Fireline is the selected vendor to perform the maintenance/repairs services because they are the dealer for 90% of the fire apparatus owned by the City. They have the certified emergency vehicle technicians needed to work on emergency apparatus.

The total estimated amount of \$200,000.00 is available for the balance of FY21 for maintenance and repairs. However, this amount could fluctuate depending on the types and extent of needed repairs. Funds will be budgeted for this ongoing expense as follows: General Fund – Fire & EMS – Fire/EMS Operations – Auto Parts and Supplies; 0101 – 410 – 2100 – FOPR – 6721.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH FIRELINE, INC., (WINDER, GA) TO PROVIDE FIRE APPARATUS MAINTENANCE/REPAIR SERVICES AT A LABOR RATE OF \$100 TO \$105 PER HOUR, PLUS PARTS, EQUIPMENT AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS COSTS. THE AGREEMENT IS ESTIMATED TO BE FOR ONE YEAR. HOWEVER, APPROVAL IS ALSO REQUESTED TO CONTINUE THE CONTRACT, AS NEEDED.

WHEREAS, the Public Works’ Fleet Maintenance Division is experiencing a Fleet Maintenance Technician shortage. Several of the Division’s Fleet Tech III’s, responsible for repairs of fire apparatus vehicles, have retired or are in the process of retiring. Public Works has advertised these positions to fill the vacancies but has yet to find qualified individuals that have the training and/or experience to work on these special vehicles. The Fleet Maintenance Division is required, based on accreditations and other identifying credentials, to have certified technicians/mechanics work on these vehicles. While searching and hiring qualified individuals, the Division must continue the maintenance of this equipment. Consequently, due to the retirements and shortages, contracted services are required; and,

WHEREAS, the vendor will provide certified repair technicians to come on site at the City’s Fleet Shop to perform needed maintenance and repairs on the City’s fire apparatus. Public Works’ technicians will continue to perform standard maintenance on the engine and transmissions of these vehicles. However, Fireline will handle the fire apparatus portions of the vehicles, i.e. pumps, wiring/electrical, ladders, etc...; and,

WHEREAS, Fireline is the selected vendor to perform the maintenance/repairs services because they are the dealer for 90% of the fire apparatus owned by the City. They have the certified emergency vehicle technicians needed to work on emergency apparatus.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Fireline, Inc., (Winder, Ga) to provide fire apparatus maintenance/repair services at a labor rate of \$100 to \$105 per hour, plus parts, equipment and other miscellaneous costs. The agreement is estimated to be for one year. However, approval is also requested to continue the contract, as needed. The total estimated amount of \$200,000.00 is available for the balance of FY21. However, this amount could fluctuate depending on the types and extent of needed repairs. Funds will be budgeted for this ongoing expense as follows: General Fund – Fire & EMS – Fire/EMS Operations – Auto Parts and Supplies; 0101 – 410 – 2100 – FOPR – 6721.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2020 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting _____.
Councilor Barnes voting _____.

Councilor Crabb voting _____.
Councilor Davis voting _____.
Councilor Garrett voting _____.
Councilor House voting _____.
Councilor Huff voting _____.
Councilor Thomas voting _____.
Councilor Thompson voting _____.
Councilor Woodson voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor