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TO: EUSTIS CITY COMMISSION

FROM: TOM CARRINO, CITY MANAGER

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SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. 23-02: APPROVAL OF PURCHASE IN EXCESS OF \$50,000 FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT TURNOUT GEAR

Introduction:

Resolution No. 23-02 approves a purchase in excess of \$50,000 for the Fire Department to purchase 27 sets of Turnout Gear/Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in accordance with the approved Fiscal Year (FY) 2022/23 Capital Budget allocation of \$98,084.25.

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends approval of Resolution No. 23-02.

Background:

The approved FY 2022/23 Capital Budget includes an allocation of \$98,084.25 for the purchase of Fire Department Turnout Gear/Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to maintain the safety, and effectiveness of its department personnel.

In order to determine the department's replacement needs, the department follows the guidelines established in NFPA 1851: Standard on selection, care, and maintenance of Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting. The following factors determine the replacement schedule for Turnout Gear.

- Age of the gear – Per NFPA 1851 Turnout Gear is only good for ten (10) years, historically Eustis replaces Turnout Gear every five (5) years, the department is able to rotate the older gear to a backup set of gear to enable the initial set to be cleaned greatly reducing carcinogens and overall cancer rates in fire fighters.
- Overall condition and safety – Turnout Gear after five (5) years starts to slowly lose its integrity due to physical and environmental damage.

Based on these criteria, the department has identified twenty-seven (27) sets of turnout gear that is due to be rotated as back up gear.

The Department will purchase twenty-seven (27) sets of Turnout Gear using State contract pricing in accordance with City purchasing policies and procedures. The projected cost to replace the Turnout Gear is \$98,084.25.

Budget/ Staff Impact:

The FY 2022/ 23 Capital Budget includes \$98,084.25 of Sales Tax Revenue for the purchase of Fire Department Turnout Gear/ Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). This estimated purchase cost of \$98,084.25 will not exceed the budget allocation.

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