



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: 8/26/2024

AGENDA ITEM: Consider allowing the Grand Rapids Fire Department to upgrade gear room ventilation and purchase and install a SCBA Decon washer.

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BACKGROUND:

The design of the turn-out gear room where fire fighter gear is stored for use does not have any air circulation. This was missed during the design and build phase of construction. This room needs to be provided with proper air movement for drying and to help control cross contamination and off-gassing from exposure of our gear. We have received a proposal from Rapids Plumbing and Heating to add an independent ERV to provide a way to remove odor and provide fresh air to the gear room without affecting the existing envelope.

We would also like to purchase and install a Solo Rescue-SCBA Washer that will help decontaminate cancer particulates and carcinogens from our SCBAs, helmets, and boots that currently are not able to properly get decontaminated after fire calls. These items were discussed with City Administrator Tom Pagel and Finance staff who agree the upgrades to the HVAC system and the purchase and installation of decon washer should be purchased with remaining fire hall project money left over from the new fire hall project.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion to accept the quote from Rapids Plumbing and Heating for the upgrades to the gear room HVAC at a cost of \$22,445 and accept the quotes from Rapids Plumbing and Heating, BJK Inc, and MES for purchase and installation of the Solo Decon Washer for a total cost of total cost of \$39,954.97.