




CITY OF KING CITY COUNCIL

MEETING DATE:

December 1, 2025

PART A

Subject:	Consideration for approval to enter into a contract for the purchase of a new fire engine
Action Requested:	Approve contract with Sutphen Corporation for a new fire engine.
Attachments:	

 Steven Roberson, Fire Chief	This abstract requires review by:	
	City Manager	City Attorney

PART B**Introduction and Background:**

The fire department's last fire engine was ordered in June 2023 and is scheduled for delivery in late 2026 or early 2027. The fire apparatus industry has been heavily affected by increased production times that began during the COVID-19 epidemic, with supply chain and workforce shortages. The current building time for fire engines is 34-36 months.

Discussion and Analysis:

This request is the first of its kind for King, requesting a new fire engine prior to receiving a fire engine that is currently on order. Unfortunately, the events mentioned above have had significant impacts on smaller agencies such as ours, which do not routinely order fire engines.

Our department has historically cycled fire engines every 5 years, thereby maintaining them for approximately 15-20 years. The current fire engine on order under pre-covid circumstances would have been delivered between July 2024 and September 2024 and is replacing our 2007 fire engine.

If approved, the proposed fire engine would have an anticipated delivery of November 2028.

The current quoted price is good through the end of December. After which, I anticipate an 8% to 15% price increase in 2027.

Budgetary Impact:

Current debt services for the fire department:

Truck 30:

- Annual payment of \$50,490.91 (includes principal and interest)
- Final payment FY30

2017 Fire Engine:

- Annual payment of \$58,007.6 (includes principal and interest)
- Final payment FY27

2027 Fire Engine (on order):

- Total cost \$998,276.10
- Anticipate financing for 10 years
- First payment possibly FY27 unless we defer payment 1-year which would make first payment FY28.

Proposed Fire Engine:

- Total cost \$1,196,674.19
- 16.58% increase since May 2023 (8.29% per year)
- First payment anticipated FY29 or FY30 if we defer payment 1-year.

Recommendation:

Approve the Fire Chief to sign a contract with First Choice Fire and Safety and Sutphen Corporation for the purchase of a new fire engine for a price of \$1,196,674.19.