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Please include this as public comment and a written communication during “Oral Communications” concerning Item# 4, Purchase of a 2021 Pierce (Type 1 Fire Engine) During the September 1 Council meeting.

I fully support the purchase of a new Type 1 fire engine; even though the national standard indicates that a “maximum in-service usage of 25 years” is acceptable it shouldn’t be used as the point that you purchase replacement equipment. It would be a fool’s folly to use fire equipment in first line service until the day it stops working.

Although \$690,801.93 seems like a big number I am sure that you realize that it will be amortized over several years and not be a lump sum payment. For example, simple math says if you pay it off in 20 years the annual cost would be \$34,540 plus interest each year. I am sure that the finance folks can be more accurate.

As a taxpayer I want reliable fire equipment in service every day to serve the community. I hope you share my interest in providing the best service available 24/7/365.

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