



## City Council Agenda Item

**City Council Meeting Date:** April 18, 2023

**TO:** Dean Albro, City Manager

**FROM:** Brian Fallon, Fire Chief  
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**SUBJECT:** Adoption of Resolution No. 6574(23) Approving Supplemental Appropriations for the Purchase of a Previously-Authorized Purchase Order for a New Pierce Type 1 Fire Engine in the Amount of \$793,673.44 Plus an Additional \$25,000 for the Purchase of Equipment Essential to the Outfitting of the Engine to Place it in Service

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### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the City Council:

- 1) Adopt resolution No. 6574(23), which will:
  - a. Increase budget appropriations in the amount of \$793,673.44 in account 424CIP-551290 for the purpose of purchasing outright a previously-approved and ordered Pierce Type 1 Fire Engine in the amount of \$793,673.44; and
  - b. Increase budget appropriations in the amount of \$25,000 for the purpose of purchasing essential equipment essential to the outfitting of the new engine in order to place it in service.

### **Background:**

On December 21, 2021, City Council awarded a contract purchase order for a new Pierce Type 1 Fire Engine in the amount of \$793,673.44. That purchase order was issued on January 20, 2022, and the vendor then began the engine build. It generally takes 12-18 months to complete a custom build of a new Type 1 fire engine, and the City's Fire Department has been advised that the engine is now in its final stages of completion. The final inspection is slated for the end of April 2023. Payment in full is required at time of delivery of the engine.

### **Discussion:**

Apparatus replacement should be done through proper planning and budgeting. There are several recommended guidelines, or best practices, that identify an expected

replacement date for fire apparatus. A systematic replacement plan is beneficial for the safety of personnel and the public. Additionally, a sound financial plan allows stakeholders (both internal and external) to better predict the needs of the department and establishes how the leadership is working to meet those needs in the most prudent manner that is clear and can be easily understood.

The Fire Department has recently adopted an apparatus replacement plan. This is a comprehensive plan that outlines the needs of the Fire Department as it relates specifically to replacing apparatus. The plan is data driven and based on industry standards found in NFPA 1911. The plan is also constructed to align with the City’s objectives and goals, as established by the City Council.

Annual budget forecasting for the maintenance of these expensive resources is necessary. It is important to note that as apparatus becomes older, the costs for maintenance often increase as well. Following installation of a new tracking software at the Fleet Division in 2017, Fleet is now able to better track and calculate increases in maintenance costs.

Staff also recommends appropriations for equipment to outfit the new fire engine. This equipment includes safety equipment, and tools related to everyday job functions, (forcible entry tools, hose, nozzles, etc.). In preparation for the arrival of the new apparatus, Fire Department staff have surveyed remaining equipment needed to outfit the engine. A large portion of the equipment is heavily antiquated and cannot be placed on the new apparatus. A large portion of this equipment is over 25 years old and has passed its service life expectancy. The additional \$25,000 will cover the immediate and essential equipment needed to outfit the engine to place it in service, with the expectation that additional replacement of obsolete equipment will continue to occur during the upcoming Biennial Budget Fiscal Years (FY) 2023-25.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Appropriations for the engine are requested from the Capital Improvement Plan Fund 424, which currently has a fund balance of \$8M set aside, of which \$4M is designated for capital improvements and \$4M is designated for building reserve. Appropriations for the replacement and essential equipment for the new engine are requested from the General Fund operating fund balance as these items constitute the replacement of now-obsolete equipment that was not budgeted for replacement in the Biennial Budget FYs 2021-23. Requested appropriations are as follows:

<b>Budget Adjustments</b>			
	<b>Account No.</b>	<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>To:</b>	424CIP - 551290	Govt CIP – Fleet Acquisition services	\$ 793,673.44
	110FR - 522600	Fire Service – Equipment	\$ 25,000.00
<b>From:</b>	Fund 424	Fund Balance	\$793,673.44
	Fund 110	Fund Balance	\$ 25,000.00

<b>Accounting Entries</b>			
<b>Account No.</b>		<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Debit:</b>	424CIP - 551290	Govt CIP – Fleet Acquisition services	\$ 793,673.44
<b>Credit:</b>	872REV-479730	Fleet Credits to Income	\$793,673.44

**Conclusion:**

Additional appropriations for the balance owed on the 2023 Pierce Enforcer with additional allocation of \$25,000 for final purchase of equipment needed to outfit the engine company are required to complete the fire engine purchase and place it into service.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Brian Fallon, Fire Chief

**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:**

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 Dean Albro, City Manager

Attachment: Resolution No. 6574(23)