



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Elizabeth Gibbs, City Manager
DATE: February 20, 2024
SUBJECT: Authorization to Purchase a Fire Squad Replacement Vehicle – Capital Improvement Project F-04

Description Purchase of a 2024 Ford 550 4x4 Diesel Crew Cab Chassis, 10-foot paramedic squad, responder body vehicle to replace the current fire squad.

Background and Analysis:

The City of Beaumont owns a 2004 Ford F550 diesel engine fire squad unit assigned to Fire Station No. 66. This unit has approximately 82,000 miles on it and in the last four years, the City has spent \$86,000 on maintenance repairs of this vehicle. Additionally, Ford no longer supports the electrical control modules for this model and parts are difficult to source.

City staff and CalFire both agree that this vehicle has long since exhausted its operational life and replacement is necessary to ensure the continued effectiveness of our firefighting and emergency response capabilities.

The existing fire squad vehicle has been in service for over two decades and its maintenance costs have increased significantly over the past few years. The vehicle has experienced repeated breakdowns, leading to operational inefficiencies and potential risks to our firefighters and the community.

To address these challenges and maintain a high standard of emergency response services, City staff and CalFire have conducted a thorough assessment of replacement options. CalFire and the County of Riverside have identified a suitable replacement vehicle which meets or exceeds all required specifications and safety standards.

Beaumont Municipal Code Chapter 3.01.110 *Exceptions to competitive bidding on non-public projects* states in part, “*Competitive Bidding Already Completed. When the Authorized Contracting Party determines that a competitive bid procedure has been conducted by another public agency (e.g. through CMAS or GSA) and the price to the City is equal to or better than the price to that public agency.*”

In this case, the County of Riverside has provided a quote from Ward Apparatus using the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) cooperative (Attachments A and B).

The cost for the purchase of the replacement fire squad vehicle is \$278,626.07 (Attachment A). This includes the base cost of the vehicle, necessary customization, one inspection trip to New York for two individuals including transportation, meals, and lodging, as well as any additional equipment required for optimal performance. County of Riverside vehicle maintenance staff will make the trip to New York for an in-depth inspection during the vehicle build process. The warranty provided includes one-year bumper to bumper and a ten-year structural warranty.

Funding for this purchase has been allocated in the City’s capital improvement plan amendment adopted at the January 16, 2024, meeting.

Fiscal Impact:

Capital Improvement Project F-04 has \$400,000 in general fund monies programmed for this purchase.

Project Accounting Summary				
Funding Summary				
Funding Year	Funding Source		Amount	
23/24	General Fund		\$400,000	
Total Project Funding =			\$400,000	
Budget Summary				
Project Component	Budget	Encumbered	Paid to Date	Remaining Budget
Project Management	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Preliminary Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Environmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Design	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Construction	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Construction Management	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Permits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$400,000
Project Summary Totals	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$400,000

The estimated cost to prepare this report is \$740.

Recommended Action:

Authorize the purchase of a 2024 Ford 550 4x4 Diesel Crew Cab Chassis, 10-foot paramedic squad, responder body vehicle to replace the current fire squad; and

Authorize staff to issue a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$278,626.07 to the County of Riverside; and

Authorize the City Manager to approve any change orders in a not-to-exceed amount of \$27,863.

Attachments:

- A. Ward Apparatus Quote 24-113
- B. HGAC Master Agreement