



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Elizabeth Gibbs, City Manager
DATE: July 16, 2024
SUBJECT: Discussion and Direction on Purchasing a Fire Engine for Station 106

Description A proposal to purchase a fire engine in lieu of renting an engine from the County of Riverside.

Background and Analysis:

In 2023, the City of Beaumont purchased a tractor drawn aerial ladder truck to be used at Fire Station 106. It is understood that the build process for the ladder truck will take approximately two years and delivery is expected no sooner than November 2025.

Because the station has officially opened and is in service, the City agreed through the Cooperative Agreement with the County of Riverside to utilize a fire engine to be used at the new station until such time as the ladder truck is delivered. Per the adopted agreement, Section III, Paragraph I, *"In the event that a fire engine, owned and maintained by the CITY has a catastrophic failure or is requested by the CITY, the COUNTY Fire Chief or Chief Deputy County Fire may allow use of a COUNTY fire engine, free of charge up to one hundred twenty (120) days. After the initial one hundred twenty (120) days, a rental fee will be applied to the CITY invoice for use of said COUNTY fire engine. The rental fee shall be Two Thousand Two Hundred EightyFive Dollars (\$2,285) per day, or Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$15,995) per week, not including equipment."*

The 120-day free of charge period will terminate approximately at the end October 2024. The \$15,995 per week charge will commence and potentially cost the City \$831,740 or more in fees for the engine rental before delivery of the ladder truck in November 2025.

Staff is proposing that City Council consider an alternative option that includes purchasing a fire engine to be used at Station 106 in lieu of a rental from the County. Initial research shows that a new Pierce Enforcer 1500 GPM triple combination pumper engine would cost approximately \$1.2M to \$1.4M, after delivery and outfitting.

There is adequate funding available should Council consider the purchase.

Fiscal Impact:

Discussion only, no fiscal impact. Staff estimates the cost to prepare this staff report is approximately \$225.

Recommended Action:

Discussion and direction to staff.