



## Staff Report

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Elizabeth Gibbs, City Manager  
Darron Usher, Principal Management Analyst

**DATE** April 15, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Discussion and Direction on Proceeding with the Acquisition of a Ladder Truck in Coordination with Riverside County Fire Department

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**Description** Discuss and provide direction to staff on proceeding with the acquisition of a readily available ladder truck identified by Riverside County Fire Department that meets all required specifications and may significantly reduce acquisition timelines.

### **Background and Analysis:**

On June 20, 2023, staff presented City Council with a comprehensive staff report outlining the procurement options for various fire apparatus, including multiple configurations of engines, squads, and ladder trucks. Staff also presented quotes from Fire Apparatus Services and Rosenbauer, alongside staffing impacts, deployment advantages, and operational insights. A 100-foot Tractor Drawn Aerial (TDA) ladder truck was identified as the most versatile and maneuverable solution, supported by recommendations from peer agencies such as the Orange County Fire Authority.

As a result of those actions, City Council authorized staff to issue Purchase Order No. 22/231498 in the amount of \$2,205,646.81 for a Spartan Quint TDA ladder truck through Riverside County Fire Department (the Purchase Order was subsequently rolled over into FY25 and became No. 22/231498-R2)(Attachment A). This confirmed the City's commitment to the acquisition and allowed for coordination with the County to move forward with the purchase.

On April 8, 2025, the City received correspondence from Riverside County Fire Department indicating the unexpected availability of a newly constructed ladder truck—originally ordered by a Texas fire department but released due to their shifting priorities (Attachment B). County Fire staff conducted an on-site inspection and confirmed the vehicle meets the operational specifications for Riverside County, and by extension, the City of Beaumont.

Acquiring this unit presents a strategic opportunity to expedite delivery, especially as many manufacturers report long production delays due to ongoing steel and aluminum tariffs. The County has offered to assign this vehicle to the City of Beaumont, fulfilling the City's existing Purchase Order and aligning with our fire services goals.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The cost of preparing this staff report is estimated to be \$400.

Funding for the purchase of a ladder truck was previously approved as part of CIP No. PS-05. No new funding is requested at this time.

**Recommended Action:**

Staff recommends City Council direct the Riverside County Fire Department to proceed with the acquisition of the identified ladder truck to fulfill the City's existing purchase request.

**Attachments:**

- A. Approved Purchase Order
- B. Ladder Truck Acquisition Letter