



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Elizabeth Gibbs, City Manager
DATE: June 17, 2025
SUBJECT: Discussion and Direction on Rescinding Purchase Order No. 24/252033 in the Amount of \$1,383,753 Issued to the County of Riverside for a Fire Engine Smeal Type 1 Apparatus – Capital Improvement Project No. PS25-05

Description Proposal to rescind the purchase order and instead incorporate the fire engine into the existing engine use agreement with the County of Riverside.

Background and Analysis:

On August 20, 2024, the City Council authorized the issuance of Purchase Order No. 24/252033 to the County of Riverside in an amount not to exceed \$1,383,753 for the acquisition of a Smeal Type 1 Pumper Fire Engine with the intent that the engine would be owned and maintained directly by the City of Beaumont (Attachment A). *(Note: With the adoption of the FY2026-2030 5-year CIP, this project was re-labeled from F25-02 to PS25-05 using the correct nomenclature.)*

On May 6, 2025, the City Council authorized the issuance of a purchase order to the County of Riverside in an amount not to exceed \$211,912.18 for the outfitting of the Smeal Type 1 Pumper Fire Engine.

On May 8, 2025, a Council subcommittee consisting of Mayor Lara and Council Member White met with County of Riverside Fire Chief Deputy Pemberton to explore collaborative alternatives for fire services. During that meeting, Chief Deputy Pemberton confirmed that the new engine could still be assigned to Beaumont under the County's engine use agreement. Under this arrangement, the engine would be procured, maintained, and insured by the County but stationed in Beaumont for dedicated service. This model aligns with the County's existing equipment management framework and has the potential to relieve the City of upfront capital costs and ongoing maintenance responsibilities. *The equipment to outfit the engine in the amount of \$211,912.18 would still be the financial responsibility of the City of Beaumont.*

Importantly, the operational availability and service level provided by the new engine would remain unchanged under this approach. The engine would be part of the County's rotating replacement schedule and strategically deployed to ensure continued readiness and public safety in Beaumont.

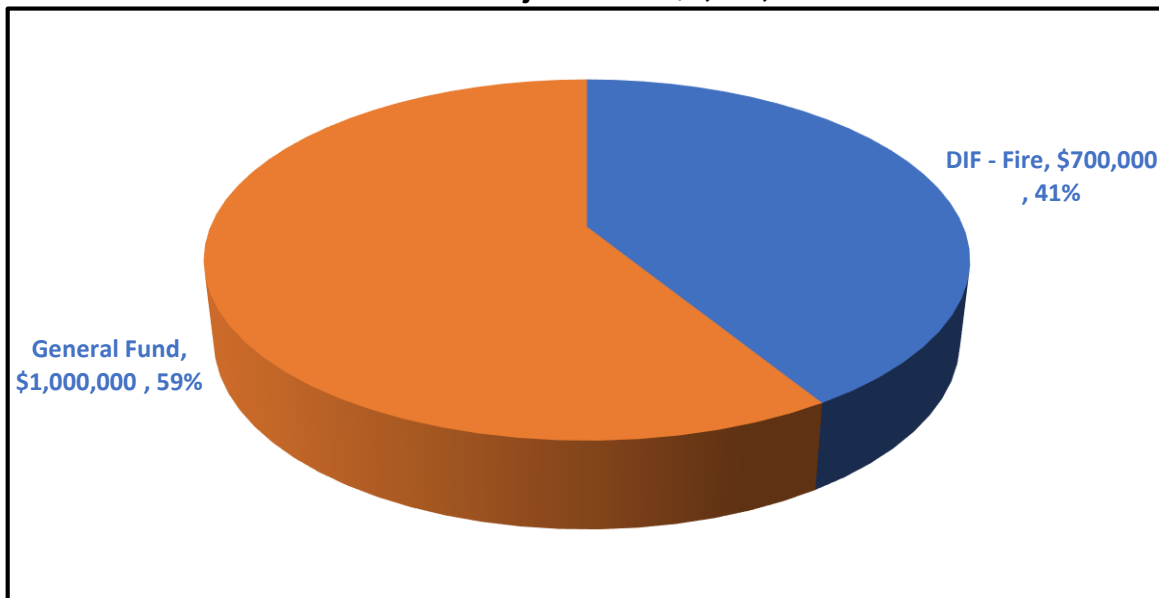
This alternative presents a cost-effective opportunity to integrate the new apparatus into the County's fleet under terms consistent with regional fire service best practices, while allowing the City to redirect the previously allocated funds to other high-priority needs or capital improvements.

At the direction of the Council subcommittee, this item is now presented for full City Council discussion and formal direction.

Fiscal Impact:

Should City Council approve the rescission of Purchase Order No. 24/252033 for the Smeal Type 1 fire engine, the funds previously encumbered for the purchase of the engine (but not the equipment to outfit it) will be returned to their respective sources and made available for reallocation. This action could result in significant cost avoidance for the City related to equipment maintenance, insurance, and future replacement obligations, while still ensuring Beaumont is equipped with a modern fully operational fire engine through the engine use agreement.

CIP PS25-05 Fire Engine and Equipment Project Funding Summary
Estimated Project Cost= \$1,700,000



CIP PS25-05 Fire Engine and Equipment Project Budget Summary

Project Component	Budget	Encumbered	Paid to Date	Remaining Budget
Project Management				
Preliminary Services				
Environmental				
Design				
Permits				
Right-of-Way				
Construction				
Construction Management				
Equipment - engine	\$1,400,000	\$(1,383,753)		\$16,247
Equipment - outfitting	\$300,000	\$(211,912)		\$88,088
Total	\$1,700,000	\$(1,595,665)	\$-	\$104,335

The estimated cost to prepare this report is \$400.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends City Council rescind Purchase Order No. 24/252033 and direct staff to notify the County of Riverside to include the new fire engine in the engine use agreement, ensuring its assignment to the City of Beaumont.

Attachments:

- A. Purchase Order No. 24/252033
- B. Cooperative Agreement – Exhibit C Fire Engine Use Agreement