

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

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DATE: November 1, 2021

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: Adam Davey, Director of Public Safety

SUBJECT: Fire & Rescue Services Capital Project Amendment

ATTACHMENT(S): None

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council APPROVES amending Project #3326 – Firefighter Vehicle Extrication Equipment Replacement in the 2021 – 2025 Financial Plan from \$400,000 to \$360,000 with the full budget of the \$360,000 allocated to 2022.

PURPOSE:

For Council approval to amend a Fire & Rescue Services capital project from five-year replacement to a one-year replacement in 2022.

BACKGROUND:

Auto extrication tools and equipment (Jaws of Life) assist firefighters accessing trapped patients during motor vehicle incidents. Fire & Rescue Services have deemed current tools to be end of life, and are not suitable for use on newer vehicles.

With 2021 budget approval, Fire & Rescue Services worked with Risk & Procurement to release a request for proposal. The tentative successful proponent submitted two options: option one based on the five-year replacement as requested; and option two based on a one-time purchase of all tools and equipment in 2022. The proponent submission also included options to buy back current tools and equipment

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

City Government and Infrastructure - Approval of this capital project amendment will result in replacement and utilization of auto extrication tools and equipment in one year, ensuring Fire & Rescue Services maintains critical emergency services to the community, while also ensuring fiscal balance by reducing the project overall budget by approximately \$50,000.00.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Council initially approved this project in the 2021 – 2025 Financial Plan with a budget of \$80,000 in each year inclusive of 2021 through 2025 for a total of \$400,000. The proponent's option for a one-time purchase allows for an amended project budget of \$360,000.00.

Additionally, the proponent submitted an offer to buy back the current tool inventory at a five-year price of \$21,450.00 or a one-time buy back price of \$30,000.00; adding an additional \$8550.00 in savings.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

Approving the project amendment will result in the tool replacement in one year, enhancing community emergency service, and an overall project budget reduction.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Adam Davey, Director of Public Safety

PREPARED BY: Cliff Warner, Deputy Fire Chief

APPROVED:

Walter Babicz, City Manager

Meeting Date: 2021/11/08