



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Jason Simpson, City Manager

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Date: October 10, 2023

Subject: Purchase of (1) 2023 Dodge Ram 5500 4x4 Chassis and Cab

Recommendation

Authorize the City Manager to purchase one (1) 2023 Dodge Ram 5500 4x4 Chassis and Cab for Squad #97 per the attached specifications in the total amount of \$167,614.41 from the County of Riverside and waive the formal bidding process under LEMC Section 3.08.070 in place of the County's bidding procedure.

Background

In 2006, the City of Lake Elsinore purchased a Squad to support fire and medical emergency service delivery. The new chassis and cab are needed to replace the current build on the Squad because it has been costly to maintain.

Discussion

The County of Riverside's life cycle analysis model recommends replacing the apparatus at eight years of service or 120,000 miles, whichever comes first. Squad #97 was placed in service in 2006 and has 41,868 miles. Squad #97 is well past its recommended service life in terms of years.

Squad #97 shows signs of wear and is becoming increasingly unreliable and costly. Replacing the cab and chassis while reusing the existing fire body is a practical and cost-effective solution. It will ensure the department has a reliable and capable vehicle for its various roles, reduce ongoing maintenance costs, and enhance the unit's capabilities with 4x4 functionality.

The cost of a new squad is estimated at \$291,120, while a new 2023 Dodge Ram 5500 4x4 cab and chassis with the reuse of the existing fire body of Squad #97 is estimated at \$167,614.41. Additionally, the expected build time of over one year for a new squad should be factored into the

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decision-making process to ensure that there is no interruption in the department's ability to respond to emergencies during the replacement process.

Adding a 4x4 capability to the new vehicle will increase its versatility and ability to access challenging terrain or operate in adverse weather conditions. This enhancement can be crucial for rescue incidents and during disasters.

Squad #97 serves multiple essential roles, including supporting rescue incidents, serving as a reserve for Medic Squad 10, and providing staffing surge capacity during significant City events, major incidents, or disasters. A reliable and versatile vehicle in this role is crucial for public safety.

Fiscal Impact

Funds will be allocated from Measure Z.

Attachments

Attachment 1- Quote

Attachment 2- Specifications