



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 3, 2006

ITEM NUMBER: V1-11

SUBJECT: APPROVE PURCHASE OF A NEW 2006 FORD F550 CHASSIS WITH A 40 FOOT AERIAL LIFT

DATE: DECEMBER 20, 2005

FROM: FINANCE DEPARTMENT- FINANCIAL PLANNING DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: MARC R. PUCKETT, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the purchase of a new 2006 Ford aerial lift truck from Don Kott Ford, 21212 Avalon Boulevard, Carson, California, 90745, for \$94,371.27.

BACKGROUND:

This purchase provides for one new 2006 Ford F550 Chassis with a 40-foot aerial lift truck that replaces a 1990 GMC aerial truck with 27,010 miles. Although the mileage is low, the truck spends most of its life idling while on the job, so the hours of operation are high. This vehicle has had some major repairs to the aerial boom in the last few years. Parts are getting hard to come by and are very expensive. Maintenance staff does not believe that the boom section of the truck has much more useful life. The recommended replacement truck is going to be jointly used by both the Parks Division and the Traffic Division. This replacement vehicle should fill both needs in Public Services more efficiently.

ANALYSIS:

The City Council approved participation in other public agencies' purchasing bids and contracts with the adoption of Resolution 94-11 on March 7, 1994. The City's Purchasing Policies & Procedures Manual Section 3.3 I. states: "City Council will be advised by the Purchasing Officer or City Manager of procurements over \$25,000 which were exempt from the formal bid process". Section 3.3 D. also states that a purchase may be exempt from the bidding process when the City is participating in an established governmental cooperative purchasing agreement.

To take advantage of volume discount pricing and save administration time, Purchasing staff contacted the Los Angeles Unified School District to review its awarded contract for the purchase of a 2002 Ford 40-foot aerial lift truck. The Los Angeles Unified School District went out for competitive bid and awarded contract 00274659 to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, who met the required specifications. Los Angeles Unified School District sent the bid to twelve potential bidders. Of the potential bidders, two responded, with Don Kott Ford being the lowest responsive bidder. Purchasing staff confirmed with Truman Williams at Don Kott Ford that they would provide the required

2006 Ford F550 chassis, a 40-foot aerial lift, and added equipment specified by the City of Costa Mesa Maintenance Services Division for the same pricing received by the Los Angeles Unified School District.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

An alternative to purchasing of the new aerial truck is to retain the current fifteen year-old vehicle. Since the aerial boom on this truck has aged and parts are becoming obsolete and costly, staff does not recommend this alternative.

Purchasing staff could send out a formal bid; however, this will delay the order of the truck by an additional sixty days for the bidding process. Staff anticipates that the pricing would probably be the same or could be potentially higher.

FISCAL REVIEW:

The total cost of the new 2006 Ford F550 Chassis with a 40-foot aerial lift truck \$94,371.27. The FY 05-06 adopted budget provides funding for the replacement of this vehicle.

LEGAL REVIEW:

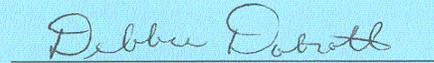
There is no legal review required on this item.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that City Council approve the purchase of a new 2006 Ford F550 Chassis with a 40-foot aerial lift truck from Don Kott Ford for the total cost of \$94,371.27.



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