

City of Independence

MEMORANDUM

Fire Department

DATE: October 3, 2022

TO: Zachary Walker, City Manager
THROUGH: Adam Norris, Deputy City Manager

FROM: Douglas Short, Fire Chief



SUBJECT: Special Appropriation for Apparatus Purchase

The Independence Fire Department is scheduled to purchase one pumper this fiscal year, as budgeted out of the Fire Protection Sales Tax. As we have moved through the design and bid phase, we have determined that it might be more beneficial and fiscally responsible to purchase two pumpers at this time. As with many other products, the fire truck manufacturers are experiencing supply chain issues causing extended build times for apparatus. In the past, we generally have seen build times within a 12-month time frame, so spreading these purchases out during fiscal years met our needs. We are now seeing build times extended out to 24 months, as well as chassis price increases occurring quarterly. The specification that we have used for this apparatus is the same as one previously purchased in 2020 and already has seen a 35% increase in cost for the exact same build. The cost of build for one apparatus through the HGAC program for one apparatus is currently being held at a price of \$720,438.00. We had budgeted \$650,000 based off an estimate at the time of our budgeting process.

We currently have on our CIP to purchase another pumper apparatus next fiscal year as well. The Fire Protection Sales Tax, as of July 1, 2022, had an unassigned fund balance of \$1,855,097. I would like to request that the Fire Department go ahead and order two pumpers at this time and pay the chassis costs during this fiscal year (\$745,206) and remaining balance upon delivery. This would freeze the chassis cost before more increases occur. To do this we are also requesting an emergency appropriation from the unassigned fund balance in the FPST of \$790,876.00 to be added to our current budgeted amount in 4671-5404.

Approved:



Zachary Walker, City Manager

10/03/2022

Date

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Cindy Gray, Chief Financial Officer