CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

ITEM:

DATE: February 9, 2015

Approve the purchase of a Pierce Fire Engine to replace Engine 220.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

$595,275 from Westside Pumper Truck Replacement Account 9200.80.170.6.7481. The aforementioned amount includes a $9,363 discount if $312,129 is paid 90 days before completion and the balance of $283,146 paid upon completion. Adequate funds are available from the Vehicle Replacement Account for this purchase. The down payment will be made in FY 14/15 and balance in FY 15/16.

BACKGROUND:

A project team was formed in July of 2013 to create and develop bid specifications for the replacement fire engine. Bids were mailed to seven (7) potential bidders. Two sealed bids were received on November 5, 2014; one from Reliant Fire Apparatus for a Pierce Fire Engine at $719,652 and the other from Feld Fire for an Emergency One Fire Engine at $712,888. Both bids were perceived to be high and the project team went back and modified the original specifications to cut potential costs. Advice was sought from City Legal to approve the modifications as an amendment to the original two bids.

Modified bids were received on January 7, 2015. A bid of $638,532 was received from Feld Fire with a $16,247 discount if the entire amount is paid at contract signing. It takes approximately nine (9) months to construct and deliver a fire engine.

After a complete review of both modified proposals, the project team recommend the purchase of the Pierce fire engine to replace Engine 220.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES (if any): None

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval to purchase a Pierce fire engine from Reliant Fire Apparatus to replace Engine 220 running out of the Westside Facility.

Lead Staff Member: Matt Sonnenburg, Acting Fire Chief

STAFF REVIEWS

Department Director	Matt Sonnenburg, Acting Fire Chief
Appropriations/Finance	Tim Stiles, Finance Director
Legal	
Agenda Acceptance	RTJ

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SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW (if applicable)

Committee	Public Safety Sub-Committee		
Date Reviewed	February 6, 2015		
Recommendation	(Yes)	~~No~~	~~Split~~