



Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Item No: **K-3**
Meeting Date: **July 7, 2021**

Item Title: Interim Town Manager Garman - Discussion of FY 21/22 Fire Truck purchase

Item Summary:

During the budget process, two options for a new quint were discussed by the board, a demo truck and a custom truck. Staff had requested a custom truck in the CIP with an estimated value of \$1,350,000. Subsequent to the CIP, the board requested that staff investigate the feasibility of a demo or pre-production truck and compare costs vs. benefits of these two options. At the June board meeting, the board requested that staff verify cost estimates with actual quoted prices. Staff has received quotes in both instances. The base cost of the custom truck is \$1,275,000. The base cost of the pre-production truck is \$1,224,900. In both cases, staff is requesting an additional \$115,000 on top of the base price to equip the vehicle. Therefore, the cost of the custom truck would total \$1,390,000. The pre-production truck would total \$1,339,000.

Originally when the CIP request was prepared, staff assumed we would be procuring a custom vehicle which would take 400 days to deliver. This aligned with the current replacement schedule for the vehicle. The pre-production truck would be received in October 2021, which would be ahead of the replacement schedule. The budget currently anticipates that both options would be financed in arrears. Therefore, the first payment would be budgeted for FY 2023.

Staff believes the custom truck better suits the needs of the fire department. The Demo Pierce ladder does not have the ability to angle the ladder down and flow up. This is called a "store front blitz" which is a common practice in many commercial fires and would be useful with large fire such as the one in KDH. This keeps firefighters out of the collapse zones and allows the largest possible water stream into the roof and attic areas. Also, this truck would have the ability to flow 2,000 gpm. The pre-production truck would be limited to 1,500 gpm. Staff also believes the custom truck would provide better opportunities to value engineer the vehicle.

With either option, there would be no budget amendment required at this time. The FY 2023 budget would be prepared to reflect a revised debt payment based on the final cost.

BOC Action – Staff requests that the Board of Commissioners authorize Interim Town Manager Garman to execute the contract for the selected option.

Number of Attachments: 0

Specific Action Requested:

Provided for Board discussion.

Submitted By: Administration

Date: June 30, 2021

Finance Officer Comment:

I will participate in the discussion as necessary.

Signature: Amy Miller

Date: June 30, 2021

Town Attorney Comment:

N/A

Signature: John Leidy

Date: June 30, 2021

Town Manager Comment and/or Recommendation:

Provided for Board information and discussion.

Signature: Andy Garman

Date: June 30, 2021