



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



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## **TITLE**

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF NINE UTILITY TRUCKS FROM COURTESY CHEVROLET

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Council adopt the resolution.

## **SUMMARY**

The fire department is requesting approval for a purchase agreement with Courtesy Chevrolet for nine utility trucks in support of the Fire Department's Measure P Expenditure Plan, Advance Life Support Program, and deployments to mutual aid requests. The total \$397,021 funds required for the utility trucks is allocated proportionately to three different funding sources in fiscal 19/20 as detailed in the current year fiscal impact section.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The Director of Development Services has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a physical change in the environment; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is required.

## **BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Not applicable

## **DISCUSSION**

The Fire Department's continued implementation of the Measure P Expenditure Plan includes the replacement of three existing utility trucks assigned to the fire training division. Two of the existing trucks are assigned to staff members and the third truck is assigned to the training division for logistical support. The utility trucks will provide training division staff with improved reliability and functionality while decreasing overall maintenance expenses. The costs of the three new utility trucks are part of the department's overall Measure P Fire Vehicle replacement plan.

The Fire Department's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Division will replace an existing utility truck that is assigned to the EMS Fire Captain. The truck will provide the EMS division staff with improved reliability and functionality while decreasing overall maintenance expenses. Funding for the utility truck will come

from the EMS Division Advance Life Support program (ALS).

The Fire Department's continued involvement in mutual aid responses to wildland fires locally, regionally, and throughout the State is an important part of the City's ability to gain assistance during future large-scale wildland fires or other emergencies. The Fire Department's participation in California's Master Mutual Aid System via the California's Fire Assistance Agreement is fully reimbursed including personnel and vehicle costs. In support of this continued effort, the Fire Department will be purchasing five new utility trucks that will be used to support mutual aid wildland fire responses. The five new utility trucks will provide the fire department with improved capability, functionality, and safety.

The Finance Department assisted with the specifications for the utility trucks and published bid RFB B37-18/19 on PlanetBids. The solicitation was sent to 105 prospective vendors and resulted in four valid responses. After review of the submittals, Courtesy Chevrolet was determined to be the lowest responsive responsible bidder.

### **DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT**

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site-specific and consequently, the real property holdings of the City Councilmembers do not create a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code § 87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Councilmember, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decisionmaker conflict of interest in this matter.

### **LINK TO STRATEGIC GOALS**

The City's Strategic Plan has five major goals: Operational Excellence, Economic Vitality, Healthy Community, Strong and Secure Neighborhoods and a Connected Community.

The award of this contract with Courtesy Chevrolet will provide the fire department with several new utility trucks in support of the fire department's continued work in the training division, ALS program and responses on mutual aid fire assignments. The purchase and use of these new utility trucks will improve operational flexibility, depth and safety in pursuit of strong and secure neighborhoods within the City.

### **CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT**

In fiscal 19/20, the total \$397,021 funds required for the purchase agreement will be charged proportionately to the different funds as detailed below:

- Measure P – Fire Vehicles      #220350      \$132,818
- Vehicle Replacement Fund      #394711      \$213,195
- ALS Fund      #234360      \$51,008

### **ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT**

Future year fiscal impacts will vary for vehicle maintenance and fuel costs. These expected expenses are already included in future fiscal years as part the Fire Department's general fund and advance life support funds. Revenue from mutual aid wildland fire responses is projected to cover any maintenance and fuel expenses for the five mutual aid utility trucks.

## ATTACHMENTS

None

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