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# TITLE

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF THREE TYPE VI SQUAD RESPONSE APPARATUS FROM EMERGENCY VEHICLE GROUP, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$696,602

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Council adopt the resolution.

#### **SUMMARY**

The fire department is requesting approval for a purchase agreement with Emergency Vehicle Group, Inc. (EVG) for three (3) Type VI Squad Response Apparatus in support of the Fire Department's implementation of the Measure A Expenditure Plan. The total \$696,602 funds required for the three Type VI Squad Response Apparatus are allocated in the Measure A Expenditure Plan for fiscal 18/19.

### **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 approved Measure A Expenditure Plan includes the implementation of Type VI Squad Response Apparatus. This specific type of response apparatus is new to the fire department's apparatus fleet. The Type VI Squad Response Apparatus are custom built by a few different companies within the fire apparatus industry. Lead times for these types of apparatus are typically thirteen months.

In an effort, to implement the fire department's first squad (Squad 62) by February of 2019, the fire department made use of an existing vehicle as a temporary squad. The temporary squad meets the basic operational needs of the Squad Operational plan, but is limited in operational functionality. As predicted, the first squad (Squad 62) is having a significant improvement on overall emergency response times in the

eastern part of the City.

The three new Type VI Squad Response Vehicles that EVG will produce as part of this agreement are custom designed and built to meet all of the operational requirements specific to the Squad Operational plan in support of the Fire Department's Measure A Expenditure Plan. The new squads and their associated equipment are capable of response to emergency medical calls and other emergency incidents to include fires, vehicles accidents, and public assists.

The Finance Department assisted with the specifications for the Type VI Squad Response Apparatus and published the bid on PlanetBids. The solicitation resulted with 3 responses, one "no bid". After review of the submittals, EVG 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 EVG will provide the fire department with Type VI Squad Response Apparatus that have full operational functionality and increased safety. These new squads will provide greater operational flexibility and depth in pursuit of strong and secure neighborhoods within the City. The implementation of the first squad (Squad 62) has already resulted in significant improvements in overall emergency response times in support of strong and secure neighborhoods via implementation of the Squad portion of the Fire Department's Measure A Expenditure Plan.

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

The total \$ \$696,602 required for this purchase will be charged to currently allocated funds with the Fire Department's Measure A Expenditure Plan for fiscal 18/19.

# **ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT**

Future year fiscal impacts will vary for maintenance and fuel costs. These expected expenses are already included in future fiscal years as part the Fire Department's Measure A Expenditure Plan.

# ATTACHMENTS

None

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