

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 14, 2023

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PREPARED BY: Martin Alvarez, Director of Public Works

REQUEST: AUTHORIZE THE REMOUNT AND REFURBISHMENT OF TWO ALS PARAMEDIC UNITS FROM FRAZER, LTD, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$551,410.64

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the remount and refurbishment of two ALS Paramedic Units from Frazer, LTD, of Houston, Texas, for the amount of \$551,410.64.
2. Authorize the Director of Finance to appropriate and transfer out a total of \$25,248.00 from Unobligated Fire Facilities Fund Balance to Equipment Replacement Fire Vehicles Account No. 5304220-4403000.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The ALS Paramedic Unit for Station 33 has been in service for 11 years. This unit has 118,980 miles and reached its recommended lifespan without refurbishment. In 2019, Medic Unit 233 was scheduled to be remounted on a new chassis, and the medic box was scheduled to be refurbished. Due to the pandemic and the unavailability of equipment, the unit refurbishment was postponed.

The ALS Paramedic Unit for Station 71 has been in service for 11 years. This unit has 91,464 miles and reached its recommended lifespan without refurbishment. This unit also needs a new chassis, and the medic box also requires refurbishment. In 2019, Medic Unit 271 was also scheduled to be remounted on a new chassis, and the medic box was scheduled to be refurbished. Due to the pandemic and the unavailability of equipment, the unit refurbishment was also postponed.

The Fire Department requests authorization to remount two ALS Paramedic Units (Medic 233 and Medic 271) onto two 2024 Ford F-450 Gas 4 X 2 Super Cab Chassis and refurbish the two individual medic boxes. If this request is authorized, staff will work with our Fire Department to order the chassis and start ordering materials to refurbish the medic boxes. The lead time for the equipment is approximately one year. Once the equipment is secured, Frazer Ambulance Company will transport the units to Houston, TX to begin the refurbishment process. While the units are out of service, the Fire Department will utilize their backup Medic units to supplement their current level of service.

Legal Review:

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney's office.

Strategic Plan:

City of Palm Desert
(Authorize the Remount of two ALS Paramedic Units)

Public Safety and Emergency Services section of the Palm Desert Strategic Plan, specifically under Priority 1: Enhance the Delivery of Public Safety Services. The priority's strategy is to expand the existing superlative services provided by the fire and police departments to address future growth and safety concerns. One of the action steps is to identify public safety needs including new equipment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

A total of \$834,000 for Fire Services/Cap-Autos/Vehicles is included in the approved Capital Improvement Project (CIP) list of Fiscal Year 2023/24 under Account No. 5304220-4403000. After a review of the equipment needed, Staff and fire services have determined an additional appropriation is necessary to cover all costs as follows:

FY 2023-24	Account #	Budget	Cost	Balance
	5304220-4403000			
Ladder Truck 33 Equipment*		\$500,000	\$0	
Stryker Gurneys		\$126,000	\$107,448.94	
Ambulance/remounts (2)**		\$208,000	\$551,410.64	
10' Paramedic Squad Unit	<i>PY Order</i>	\$0.00	\$200,388.42	
Total		\$834,000	\$859,248.00	
			Required Appropriation	(\$25,248.00)

*Purchase postponed till 2024/25 where funds will be requested

**Current request – Initially only one ambulance was budgeted for replacement/refurbishment in 2023/24 FY.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Quote for Truck 233
2. Quote for Truck 271