

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 25, 2024

PREPARED BY: Lucero Leyva, Project Manager

REQUEST: AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF PARAMEDIC UNIT FOR NEW FIRE STATION 102

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the purchase of a new paramedic unit for the new Fire Station 102 in an amount not to exceed \$303,449.02, pursuant to sections 3.30.160(I) and 3.30.160(J) of the Palm Desert Municipal Code.
2. Authorize Directory of Finance to set aside a 20% contingency in the amount of \$60,689.80.
3. Authorize the City Attorney to make any necessary non-monetary changes to the agreement.
4. Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this action.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

On January 26, 2023, the City Council approved the design of a fourth fire station to be located just north of the Gerald Ford Drive and Frank Sinatra Drive intersection. This new fire station, referred to as Fire Station 102, will help better serve the area's existing and developing communities. Currently, Fire Station 102 is tentatively scheduled to start operations in the Fall of 2025.

While Fire Station 102 is still undergoing the entitlement process with the City, staff has received a quote from Frazer for the purchase of a new paramedic unit. The quote was initiated and reviewed by CalFire to ensure the new paramedic unit met the requirements and specifications of the CalFire Agency. The new paramedic unit has an estimated eighteen-month to two-year lead time. City Staff will be working closely with the Cal Fire Staff and Frazer to expedite any part of the ordering process and ensure Fire Station 102 opens with all the equipment needed to serve its communities.

Staff has determined that Frazer is the only source that can provide this type of unit. Due to this fact and the need to timely equip the new fire station with a paramedic unit, proceeding with the purchase without further bidding is in City's best interest. Accordingly, staff recommends the approval of the paramedic unit purchase to avoid or mitigate any delays to the Fire Station 102 project schedule.

Strategic Plan:

This project will allow the City to meet the "Public Safety & Emergency Service – Priority 1" Enhance the delivery of public safety services" of the Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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Funds for this purchase were included in the approved Capital Improvement (CIP) List for Fiscal Year 2023-24 under the Fire Fund Account No. 2354270-4400100. Therefore, this action has no financial impact on the General Fund.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Frazer Quote