



SUMMARY MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Gary D. Greer
City Manager

DATE: October 6, 2014

SUBJECT: Purchase 2015 Ambulance

In support of the City's Strategic Plan Core Value #1 Public Safety, the Fire Department progressively looks to improve its EMS service delivery effectiveness and to prepare for the coming increased EMS service demands tied to our rapidly growing residential and commercial populations.

This purchase will allow the Fire Department to regularly operate a third Paramedic ambulance out of Fire Station No. 1 as staffing allows. Currently our preventative maintenance program prevents the Fire Department from operating an Ambulance from Station No. 1 even when there is available staffing. Also, when the department loses an ambulance due to a mechanical breakdown, operating an Ambulance at Fire Station No. 1 is again negatively impacted. The purchase of this unit will increase our fleet to a total of 4 ambulances, and provide the depth of resources needed to help meet Core Value #1, Performance Objective 8, to achieve a 90% percentile total response time for emergency EMS calls less than or equal to six minutes.

The Emergency Medical Services Paramedic Ambulance Coverage Improvement Plan includes the purchase of a new ambulance in FY 2014-15.

Funds are available in the Fire Department's 2014-2015 Fixed Asset Account to purchase this ambulance.

DISCUSSION:

The Houston-Galveston Area Council of Government Purchasing Cooperative received bids for

an ambulance manufactured by Frazer, Ltd. that satisfies the specifications of the Farmers Branch Fire Department. The Houston-Galveston Area Council of Government purchasing program complies with State purchasing laws, and the City has an interlocal purchasing agreement with Houston-Galveston Area Council of Government. Since 1993, the Fire Department has satisfactorily purchased seven fire engines and six ambulances utilizing Houston-Galveston Area Council of Government contracts.

According to Houston-Galveston Area Council of Government purchasing guidelines, the purchase will be made through Dallas Dodge Chrysler, located at 1150 LBJ, Dallas, Texas (75238) in the amount of \$185,725. This price includes the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Government administrative fee of \$1,000.

The ambulance will be a Frazerbilt 14' Type 1 ambulance on a 2015 Dodge Ram diesel chassis, which is the preferred style of ambulance the Fire Department has purchased for many years. The Type 1 configuration allows maximum access to the patient and provides the preferred storage for advanced life support equipment. The ambulance is expected to be delivered by March, 2015.

Following the purchase, approximately \$7,000 will be used to purchase a manual patient transport cot. The expected total cost for the new ambulance and cot is \$192,725.

Possible Council Action:

1. I move to approve Resolution No. 2014-094 authorizing the purchase of a 2015 ambulance through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Government purchasing contract in the amount of \$185,725.
2. I move to approve Resolution No. 2014-094 authorizing the purchase of a 2015 ambulance through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Government purchasing contract in the amount of \$185,725, with modifications.
3. I move to table the item or take no action.