

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement with Hughes Fire Equipment, Inc. to purchase four replacement Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulances in the amount to not exceed \$1,600,116, plus all applicable taxes.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ACTION	This Resolution authorizes execution of an agreement with Hughes Fire Equipment, Inc. to purchase four replacement BLS ambulances for the Bellevue Fire Department in 2028.
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RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10660

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

As a core mission, the Bellevue Fire Department provides Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) services to the citizens of Bellevue and six neighboring jurisdictions, encompassing a total of 43 square miles and 153,000 residents. Those jurisdictions include Beaux Arts Village, Clyde Hill, Hunts Point, Medina, Newcastle, and Yarrow Point.

Both medic and aid unit apparatus that firefighters and paramedics utilize must provide a rapid response to allow quick medical interventions and to permit safe transport of patients to a healthcare facility for more extensive care. These units give crews a well-equipped, well-lit, dry and safe area for them to administer first aid at the scene and allow the crew to transport patients to local hospitals and clinics.

The key performance measures listed below are part of our accreditation performance measures and can be greatly affected if emergency response apparatus is not properly maintained or replaced at proper intervals to minimize costly repairs and downtime.

- Arrival within 6 minutes from the time of call 90% of the time.
- Meet or exceed a cardiac save rate of 50% using Utstein Criteria.

The replacements proposed in this purchase agreement will be moved to frontline status and one each of the current frontline vehicles rotated to reserve status for the remainder of their service life. All units affected by this purchase agreement have met their useful life and are scheduled for replacement in 2028.

This purchase will utilize an interlocal agreement between the City of Bellevue and the Houston Galveston Area Council that has a contract in place to purchase Life Line Emergency Vehicles from Hughes Fire. The city has benefitted from this cooperative purchasing arrangement for many years as it is a large consortium of public agencies and consequently obtains very competitive pricing.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

Bellevue City Code

- BCC 4.28 provides for the fair and equitable treatment of all persons involved in the purchasing process. Council approval is required to award the bid where the cost exceeds \$350,000.
- BCC 4.28.150 authorizes the Director of Finance and Asset Management to join cooperative purchase agreements with other public agencies, cooperatives or consortiums when it would be in the best interest of the city.

Bellevue Comprehensive Plan

- Community Safety: NH-10. Ensure police, fire and emergency services provide high levels of public safety that respond to growth and changing community needs.

Fiscal Impact

This agreement authorizes staff to obligate the city to pay \$1,600,116, plus applicable taxes, for the purchase of four BLS ambulances to be delivered in 2028.

The source funding for the purchase is the Mechanical Equipment Rental Fund (MERF) replacement account. This expenditure is planned, and sufficient funds have been reserved as is required by the MERF Policy for the purchase. Funds received from the surplus sale of the equipment being replaced will be deposited into the MERF replacement account for future replacement needs.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement with Hughes Fire Equipment, Inc. to purchase four replacement Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulances in the amount to not exceed \$1,600,116, plus all applicable taxes.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 10660

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

Purchase agreement documents between City of Bellevue and Hughes Fire Equipment, Inc.