



City of Arts & Innovation

Public Safety Committee Memorandum

TO: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBERS DATE: JANUARY 16, 2019
FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT WARD: ALL
SUBJECT: MEASURE Z – UPDATE ON MEASURE Z FUNDED FIRE APPARATUS

ISSUE:

Receive and file the Fire Department's Measure Z funded Apparatus Update.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Public Safety Committee receive and file the Fire Department's Measure Z funded Apparatus Update.

BACKGROUND:

The Fire Department customarily has a fleet of 32 vehicles that are diverse in their scope of use ranging from engines, trucks, squads, water tenders, and battalion vehicles. According to the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA), the organization who sets the standards and best practices for fire services, each vehicle type has a shelf life quantified by mileage limits, hour limits and years of use.

On November 8, 2016, Riverside voters approved Measure Z, authorizing a one-cent increase in the City's sales tax rate. Subsequently, the Budget Engagement Commission (BEC) was formed and directed by City Council to develop recommendations for the use of Measure Z funds. As part of this effort, the Fire Department identified and relayed to the BEC and the City Council the severity of the need to replace vehicles as they had mostly exceeded their shelf life, mileage or hour limits and were incurring high costs in repairs. Understanding the critical need, the Fire Department staff worked with General Services, the City Manager's Office, and the Finance Department to develop a 20-year funding plan for vehicle replacement identifying the immediate need for 16 vehicles.

On May 16, 2017, City Council adopted the Measure Z Five-Year Spending Plan spanning fiscal years (FY) 2015/16 through 2020/21 which included the projected debt service obligation for a 10-year capital lease to fund the immediate purchase of 16 vehicles in FY 2017/18.

Through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process soliciting interest from capital lease vendors in financing various equipment, the City selected Banc of America Public Capital Corp. as their

proposal resulted in the lowest cost to the City. In November 2017, the fleet of apparatus went through the procurement process and was submitted to the vendor for buildout.

On November 6, 2018, City Council approved the Fire Department's request to purchase a 4th truck company through cost saving measures of the Measure Z funding.

DISCUSSION:

As of December 2018, most of the apparatus has been completely built by the manufacturer. The status of the apparatus is summarized in the table below:

Apparatus	Purchase Date	Status	Estimated In Service Date
8 Fire Engines	11/2017	Factory build complete (all). Tools and radios currently being installed (all).	Feb - Mar 2019
2 Tiller Trucks	11/2017	Truck 1: Factory build complete Truck 2: Estimated completion date in January 2019	Truck 1: April 2019 Truck 2: May 2019
1 Straight Truck	11/2017	Estimated completion date in January 2019	May 2019
2 Water Tenders	11/2017	Estimated completion date in January 2019	May 2019
1 Brush Truck	11/2017	Factory build complete. Tools and radios still need to be installed	April 2019
2 Squads	11/2017	Completed	In service
1 Additional Tiller Truck	12/2018	In the procurement process	August 2019

Once the build out is complete, the apparatus will require an additional 6-8 weeks for the installation of radios and necessary tools before they can be operational and be put in service.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Presentation