



# City Council Memorandum

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**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      DATE: MARCH 9, 2021**

**FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT      WARDS: ALL**

**SUBJECT: MEASURE Z - INCREASE PURCHASE ORDER NO. 213195 WITH ALLSTAR FIRE EQUIPMENT INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,508 FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROTECTIVE FIREFIGHTER SAFETY CLOTHING FOR A TOTAL ANNUAL PURCHASE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$259,218 AND APPROVE A COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT EXCEPTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PURCHASING RESOLUTION NO. 23256, SECTION 602 (C)**

**ISSUES:**

Authorize an increase in Purchase Order No. 213195 with Allstar Fire Equipment Inc. in the amount of \$125,508 for the purchase of protective firefighter safety clothing for a total annual Purchase Order in the amount of \$259,218 and approve a competitive procurement exception in accordance with Purchasing Resolution No. 23256, Section 602(c).

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Authorize an increase to Purchase Order No. 213195 with Allstar Fire Equipment Inc. in the in the amount of \$125,508 for a total purchase amount of \$259,218;
2. Approve a competitive procurement exception in accordance with Purchasing Resolution No. 23256, Section 602 (c).

**BACKGROUND:**

Protective firefighter safety clothing, commonly referred to as turnout gear, is a basic firefighting necessity. Made of insulated and fire-resistant materials, turnout gear helps protect firefighters from the intense heat and hazardous environments encountered in the fire service. Riverside Fire Department policy requires firefighters to wear turnout gear to various types of incidents, including structure fires, vehicle accidents, hazardous materials calls, box alarms, suspicious odor calls and any other incidents the company officer deems appropriate.

Subject to wear and tear, turnouts must be replaced at a minimum of every ten years to ensure adequate personal protection and compliance with National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) standards.

On January 16, 2018 a five year Measure Z Spending Plan was approved by the City Council and included Item No. 35, a \$125,508 expenditure budget for fire equipment and one-time operating needs.

On January 19, 2021, the City Council approved the carryover of unexpended Measure Z fire equipment and one-time operating needs funds of \$125,508 into fiscal year 2020/21.

**DISCUSSION:**

Purchasing Resolution 23256 Section 602 (c) states that the competitive procurement shall not be required when the procurement can only be obtained from a sole source or timely from a single source and the Manager is satisfied that the best price, terms and conditions for Procurement thereof have been negotiated.

Allstar Equipment Inc. is the only locally approved distributor of LION brand turnouts that supplies fire departments throughout the State of California with this protective equipment and ensures NFPA 1971 compliance. Many of the turnout gear in inventory has reached the useful life of five years. According to NFPA 1971 compliance, it is recommended that turnout gear be mandatorily retired 10 years following the date of manufacture. With over 100 firefighters the department annually replaces turnouts to meet department operational needs.

The Purchasing Manager concurs with the recommendation and that this purchase is in compliance the Purchasing Resolution No. 23256, Section 602 (c).

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total fiscal impact of the action is \$125,508. Sufficient funds are available in fiscal year 2020/21 General Fund Fire Department Fire Operations account 3510000-426200 and Measure Z account 8003501-426200.

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Approved as to form: Kristi J. Smith, Interim City Attorney

Attachments:

- 1.) Sole Source Justification
- 2.) Purchasing Resolution 23256
- 3.) Authorized and Approved Distributor Letter
- 4.) Staff Report Carryover Attachment