

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 13PAMEND M&C 24-0014 AND 23-0210 FIRE JJ

SUBJECT

(ALL) Amend Mayor and Council Communication 23-0210 and 24-0014 to Add Funds for the Purchase of Public Safety and Firehouse Supplies and Equipment Using BuyBoard Cooperative Contract No. 698-23 and Increase the Aggregate Annual Spending Amount by \$3,700,000.00 for Metro Fire Apparatus Specialist Inc. for a Total Annual Aggregate Amount Up to \$18,864,774.00 for the Fire Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council amend Mayor and Council Communication 23-0210 and 24-0014 to add funds for the purchase of Public Safety and Firehouse Supplies and Equipment using BuyBoard Cooperative Contract No. 698-23 and increase the aggregate annual spending amount by \$3,700,000.00 for Metro Fire Apparatus Specialist Inc. for a total annual aggregate amount up to \$18,864,774.00 for the Fire Department.

DISCUSSION:

The Fire Department requested that Purchasing assist with amending Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) 23-0210 and 24-0014 to add additional funds using BuyBoard Cooperative Contract No. 698-23 and increase the total annual aggregate amount from \$15,164,774.00 to \$18,864,774.00.

The Fire Department will have nearly 60% of its Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) fall into the noncompliant status with the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) when the new 2025 edition of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard 1970 goes into effect in the first quarter of 2025. Additional funding is needed to ensure the purchase of 350 5.5 SCBA cylinders and 1000 5.5 SCBA cylinders necessary for the air packs. These packs would replace aging packs and packs made non-compliant by the new 2025 Edition of the NFPA 1970 Standard. This package would bring the City into compliance with the 2018 Edition of NFPA 1852 Standard as well as with the TCFP.

BuyBoard Contract No. 698-23 had an initial term from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, and includes two one-year renewal options. The Request for Proposal for BuyBoard Contract No. 698-23 was published on July 12, 2022, and responses were opened on November 10, 2022. BuyBoard contracts offer fixed discounts. Staff reviewed the pricing and determined it to be fair and reasonable.

State law provides that a local government purchasing an item under a cooperative purchasing agreement satisfies state laws requiring that the local government seek competitive bids to purchase the items. BuyBoard contracts have been competitively bid to increase and simplify the purchasing power of government entities.

The maximum annual amount allowed under the agreements will be \$18,864,774.00; however, the actual amount used will be based on the needs of the department and the available budget. The revised annual department allocation for these agreements is as follows:

Department	Annual Amount
Fire	\$3,700,000.00

Funding is budgeted in the General Operating & Maintenance category in the General Fund for the Fire Department.

An administrative change order or increase may be made by the City Manager up to the amount allowed by relevant law and the Fort Worth City Code and does not require specific City Council approval as long as sufficient funds have been appropriated.

Business Equity goal is not assigned when purchasing from an approved purchasing cooperative or public entity.

This project will serve ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the recommendation, funds are available in the current operating budget, as previously appropriated, in the General Fund. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Fire Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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