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Memorandum:

TO: Mayor Krachmer and City Council Members
FROM: Chris Hearden, Fire Chief
DATE: July 18, 2023

SUBJECT: Discussion of the purchase of a new Pierce Aerial Ladder Platform

Background

The replacement of current 2000 Pierce Aerial Ladder truck was scheduled in the Capital Improvement Plan for 2025. Due to estimated manufacturing times for deliver and expected cost increases, staff would like to discuss the rationale for approving staff to sign an agreement prior to 2025.

This Aerial Ladder Platform will be purchased through the HGAC Cooperative Purchasing Program (HGACBuy). This cooperative purchasing program allows the City of Vadnais Heights opportunities to purchase the new Aerial Ladder Truck at a reduced cost and avoiding the formal bidding process.

The expected expenses for a new Pierce Aerial Ladder Platform from MacQueen Emergency Group and purchase replacement firefighting equipment, as included in the 2025 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) budget, for a total cost not to exceed \$1,850,000.00.

The rationale for the request to sign the purchase agreement by July 31, 2023 is that HGAC has advised Pierce / MacQueen Emergency Group of upcoming price increases in the amounts of 2% to 3% or an additional \$37,000 to \$55,500 and current pricing is only valid until July 31, 2023. The current manufacturing lead time is 28-36 months, payment will not be due until the completion of the Aerial Ladder Platform which isn't expected until late 2025 or 2026.

Additional replacement equipment will be necessary to adequately equip the new ladder truck. The existing equipment is well over 25 years old and technologies have advanced providing more reliable, lighter and safer equipment.

This item is not currently scheduled for the Regular Council Meeting agenda for July 18, 2023 as this item needed to be discuss in the July 18, 2023 Workshop prior to the Regular Meeting. If Council agrees to authorize this request, Council will need to amend the July 18, 2023 Council Meeting agenda for this item.

