



LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Suzanne Sherman, City Manager

THRU: Richard E. Stover, Fire Chief

DATE: May 2, 2024

RE: Consideration of initial funding appropriation for Fire Station 9 (\$250,000) and authorization to purchase a Pierce Saber Pumper (fire truck) from Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC (\$795,789).

SUMMARY:

The Fire Rescue department would like to submit a budget amendment for the purpose of moving \$250,000 in General Fund undesignated fund balance to the Fire Rescue budget for the purpose of opening a project and establishing initial funding for new Fire Station 9.

The impact of the rapid and anticipated future growth of the City of Palm Bay justifies the need for a Fire Station in the south end of the City, in the vicinity of St. Johns Heritage Parkway and Babcock. Currently we are experiencing significant response times in this area of the city. This expansion of current service levels will be strategically located in areas that are currently experiencing growth. This station will provide a benefit to new developments and future residents and businesses in this area. The need for a station at the south end is to enhance Palm Bay Fire Rescues capabilities and allow fire suppression & EMS units to have reliable availability for low to high fire risks in the community.

As part of the plan for the new station, staff has been looking at options for an engine to ultimately be housed at Fire Station 9. With the current nationwide backlog for fire apparatus, we spent a considerable amount of time looking for apparatus that is not only available, but one that comes close to our current design in order to maintain a standardized fleet of fire apparatus. After working with no less than three fire apparatus vendors to locate a fire apparatus that is similar to our current fleet as well as on a current purchasing contract, we have located one that can be delivered in the November to December 2024 time period. Staff is recommending moving forward with this acquisition because the backlog of apparatus is a multi-year order window. Being able to acquire this vehicle in 2024 will also position us to further our plans to establish a temporary station to service the area in advance of the permanent build of Fire Station 9.

The Fire Rescue Department is seeking authorization to purchase a Pierce Saber Pumper (Fire Truck) from Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC. Staff is requesting to utilize the NPPGov Contract # PS20240, which expires May 27, 2026, to procure this Fire Station 9 Fire Apparatus for an amount of \$795,789. Staff is also requesting to transfer \$798,789 in General Fund undesignated fund balance to the Fire Department budget to purchase this vehicle.

In accordance with the City's Code of Ordinance, Section 38.13(F)(4) Cooperative Purchases and Piggyback Purchases: The City may purchase from any cooperative contract, including but not limited to: term contracts by the State of Florida, Federal General Services Administration, and other governmental cooperatives and entities within and outside the State of Florida provided that the cooperative contract is established in compliance with the procurement procedures and requirements of the issuing body, entity, authority, or cooperative. If such other governmental or cooperative contract is utilized, the public notice requirements and the need to utilize the methods of selection processes are obviated. Any such contracts equal to or in excess of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) shall go to the City Council for approval.

REQUESTING DEPARTMENTS:

Fire Rescue

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding in the amount of \$1,045,789 is available in General Fund undesignated fund balance and will be transferred, upon approval, to the Fire Rescue department's General Fund Capital account within the Capital expense category on the next scheduled budget amendment.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Consideration of initial funding appropriation of \$250,000 for Fire Station 9 and authorization to purchase a Pierce Saber Pumper (Fire Truck) from Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC for Fire Station 9 in an amount of \$795,789.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposal Option List
2. Proposal