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AGENDA MATTER:

REQUEST TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) PARAMEDIC SQUAD VEHICLE FOR THE BARSTOW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$126,486

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

DISCUSSION:

On September 17, 2018, the Fire Board approved the Barstow Fire Protection District 2019-2023 Strategic Operations Plan. As outlined in the report several purchases would need to be made to meet the changing needs of the community. This included the purchase of a Paramedic Squad emergency vehicle.

A Paramedic Squad vehicle consists of a one-ton truck chassis with a custom-built utility bed used to carry specialized emergency equipment. These vehicles are also outfitted with emergency lighting, sirens, and an assortment of radios and communication equipment. This configuration allows for a two-person crew to respond to calls for service either individually for less severe calls or as part of a multi-unit response to more complex incidents.

The advantage of the squad configuration is that it provides an alternative to sending a fully-staffed fire engine to every call for service. With over 80% of the calls for service in the community being medically related, the squad configuration with two paramedics can effectively handle lower acute medical calls in a vehicle that costs approximately 75% less to purchase, and over 50% less to maintain and operate, than a fire engine.

In an effort to reduce costs through competitively bid processes, staff determined that utilizing the buying power of a large cooperative purchasing group would provide the greatest savings to the District in this purchase. The benefits of utilizing this cooperative purchasing program is that it assists local governments in reducing costs by capitalizing on bulk purchasing power and pre-established competitive bids. The Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) cooperative purchasing program bid process meets all of the parameters for purchasing outlined in the Fire District Purchasing Policy, Contracts for Non-Professional Services, Equipment and Supplies: Purchasing Requirements, Exceptions and Procedures.

Staff researched companies who build these specialized units and finds that Maintainer Custom Bodies of Rock Rapids IA can offer the specific design that meets the District's needs at a competitive price through HGAC. Maintainer is currently manufacturing Squad Vehicles for several fire departments in Southern California, including the cities of Victorville and San Bernardino. Maintainer will acquire the vehicle chassis (also through HGAC), complete the entire buildup, and ship the units to the District. The time from contract signing to delivery can vary depending on availability of the base chassis, but generally the District can expect to receive the vehicle from Maintainer in approximately four (4) to six (6) months.

Using HGAC, the cost of each unit is \$109,872 plus an HGAC Fee of \$2,000. Sales tax, title and license



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FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding Source: Measure Q, using HGAC, the cost of each unit is \$109,872 plus HGAC Fee of \$2,000. Sales tax, title and license equate to \$11,614. plus a one-time destination charge of \$3,000 for a grand total procurement of \$126,486.00.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Award Maintainer Custom Bodies, the piggyback purchase of one (1) 2019 Ford F-350 Paramedic Squad Vehicle in the amount of \$114,872, under the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing as proposed in the Fire District 2019-2023 Strategic Operations Plan.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Richard Harpole, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carmen Hernandez, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Noble, Harpole, Hernandez, Hackbarth-McIntyre
NAYS:	Silva