



City of Grass Valley City Council and Redevelopment Agency Agenda Action Sheet

Council Meeting Date: Feb. 9, 2010

Date Prepared: Feb. 3, 2010

Prepared by: Tony Clarabut, Fire Chief

Title: Authorize the Fire Chief to solicit bids or to use the procurement contract of another public entity for the purchase of a ladder truck.

Agenda: Administrative

Recommended Motion: That City Council authorize the Fire Chief solicit bids for a replacement aerial fire apparatus with a 100 foot ladder and a 2000 GPM fire pump or, with the affirmation by the City Attorney that another public entity's procurement process for a like apparatus meets the procurement requirements of the City of Grass Valley, and that the Fire Chief be authorized to enter into purchase discussions with the awardee of that procurement contract.

Background Information: In 1980 the City recognized that in order to provide an appropriate level of fire protection that there was a need to add a ladder truck to its fleet of fire apparatus. That need was dictated because buildings were getting taller and larger and firefighters needed the aerial device to be able to effect rescues from floor levels beyond the reach of ground ladders, to be able to access rooftops to ventilate a building on fire and to be able to rapidly apply large amounts of water from over the top of a building that is well involved in fire. In addition to the recognition of the need by the City, the Insurance Services Office (ISO) requires the availability of a ladder truck for any jurisdiction having five or more buildings three stories or greater in height. If the jurisdiction does not have a ladder truck available, it will adversely affect the ISO rating of the city which, in turn will adversely affect the fire insurance premiums paid by building owners.

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Funds Available: Yes

Account #: Fund 310

CMAQ Grant \$196,763

AB2766 Grant \$40,000

Reimbursements \$23,500

Fund 121

Bequest \$305,000

Fund 118-112

Impact Fees \$234,737

\$800,000

Reviewed by:

____ City Administrator

Action:

____ Approved

____ Denied

____ Approved with Modifications

____ Other

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That ladder truck, purchased in 1980 and refurbished for \$105,000 in 2001 has served the city for 30 years and while originally very reliable, for last five years it has progressively become very unreliable and has been out-of-service for approximately 50% of the time. Compounding the out-of-service problem is the fact that this is the only ladder truck in western Nevada County and when it is not available we must rely on mutual aid from Placer County or Marysville, a minimum of 30 minutes away. This was the case on the recent apartment building fire on Mill Street.

A replacement ladder truck is expected to cost up to \$800,000 and funding has been indentified and will come from two grants, the vehicle replacement fund, fire department impact fees and a bequest from the Everett Champion Estate.

A formal purchase authorization will be brought back to council for final approval.