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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

February 24, 2020

To: Mayor and City Council Members

From: Mark F. Miller, City Manager
Robert J. Bruner, Assistant City Manager
Drew Benson, Assistant to the City Manager

Subject: City Council Agenda Questions & Answers – 2.24.2020

The following are communications that City Administration would like Council to be made aware of. For questions or comments initiated by citizens, the answers provided in this document have also been sent to the citizens directly. In order to ensure that all questions are received and answered, all City Council Questions should be sent to the CITY MANAGER DISTRIBUTION GROUP e-mail address.

From: Ethan Baker <ethan.baker@troymi.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2020 9:45 PM
To: City Manager Distribution Group
Subject: J-04a

Do you anticipate a transition to the Chevy Tahoe instead of Ford Explorers moving forward? The benefits of the larger size are spelled out in the memo; is there any downside?

Thanks,
Ethan

Answers: Kurt Bovensiep, Public Works Director

There are several factors that determine the type and manufacturer of vehicles recommended for city departments. Recently, the Tahoe has become competitively priced when compared to similar SUV pursuit rated vehicles. The Tahoe does offer more room for equipment for Command Officers and may not be warranted for Patrol Officers. I do not anticipate the Tahoe replacing the need for a slightly smaller vehicle like the Ford Explorer. Therefore, we will continue to have a diverse fleet to meet the needs of each position.

From: Ethan Baker <ethan.baker@troymi.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2020 9:42 PM

To: City Manager Distribution Group

Subject: I-5

Thank you for this thorough memo.

I believe that you used 2016 instead of 2014 throughout the memo, however. Wasn't the trust created because of the meetings in 2014?

Thanks,
Ethan

Answers: Mark F. Miller, City Manager & David Roberts, Fire Chief

The meetings for creating the VFIP Trust began in 2014 and the conclusion of those meetings and finalized in 2016.

From: Ellen C Hodorek

Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 11:42 AM

To: City Manager Distribution Group <CityManager@troymi.gov>

Subject: Agenda Question

I-05 CHANGES TO VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Really appreciate this memo, particularly the background. Regarding any additional work of our actuaries, do we have an estimate -- even rough -- of how much that would cost and how much additional time it would take?

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Answers: Robert Maleszyk, Chief Financial Officer

There is some ambiguity in the Volunteer Firefighters proposals that were sent directly to City Council, and therefore it is difficult to estimate the cost for having them evaluated by actuaries without additional information. Over the course of the last year, the City has paid the following for actuarial evaluations:

July 17th \$3,650 (starting actuarial report, gathering all data, and building model)

Sept 5th \$1,100 (evaluating different assumptions with same model)

Dec 12th \$1,100 (evaluating different assumptions with same model)

With all this being said, our estimate it that it would likely cost between \$3,000 and \$5,000 order to evaluate the Volunteer's proposals, and would take a minimum of 3 weeks, maybe more, to get the information back.