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## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM



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Subject: Bid Waiver – Cummins Engine Repairs and Maintenance

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### History

The Fire Department maintains a 24/7 response model which includes a fleet of 18 large-vehicular apparatus. This includes engines, 75' and 100' aerial apparatus, and specialty vehicles. The fleet is made up of different manufacturers and parts. The bulk of the large vehicles within the fleet have Cummins brand engines, while others have Detroit Diesel brand engines.

Regrettably, over the last two years, two (2) of the aerial platform ladder trucks, which were outfitted with Detroit Diesel engines, experienced catastrophic engine failures. Replacement apparatus have already been approved and are on order. Deliveries are expected later this year for Ladder 4, and early next year for Ladder 2.

After these breakdowns occurred, the Fire Department met with the City of Troy Fleet Division to discuss these failures, and what options are available to minimize future losses. It was determined that the best practice would be to take each apparatus to the coordinating engine manufacturer for evaluation. This was conducted over a several month period and a report was developed and returned for each vehicle. The remaining apparatus with Detroit Diesel engines came back with minor to no repairs needed. However, the Cummins engine evaluations were not as positive. Seven (7) of these vehicles need attention, with a total estimated cost of \$68,343.05.

Due to the need to maintain the readiness of the fire apparatus fleet, and the variable cost to maintain and repair the Cummins engines, it is in the City's best interest to have a blanket contract with *Cummins Sales and Service* as a sole source provider. This is particularly important during instances of unforeseen issues that require immediate maintenance.

### Purchasing

- A blanket contract would cover both scheduled and unforeseen repairs, replacements, and maintenance on Cummins engines.
- It is not possible to secure competitive bids because Cummins Sales and Service is the sole source manufacturer for Cummins brand engines and parts.



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### **Purchasing (continued)**

- A bid waiver is requested to authorize maintenance and repairs as needed, from *Cummins Sales and Service* on an ongoing basis, not to exceed budgetary limitations.

### **Financial**

Funds are budgeted annually for fire apparatus repairs and maintenance in the Fire Department Contractual Services Contractor - Equipment Maintenance operating budget. Expenditures will be charged to account number 101.336.344.7802.150.

### **Recommendation**

City Management recommends in the best interest of the City, that the bid process be waived and an ongoing contract be established with *Cummins Sales and Service* for repairs and maintenance associated to Cummins engines on an as needed basis, not to exceed budget limitations.