



City of Greensboro

Melvin Municipal
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300 W. Washington Street
Greensboro, NC 27401

Agenda Report

File Number: 2023-232

Agenda Item# I. 1.

Agenda Date: 4/4/2023. **Department:** Fire

Meeting Type: Council Meeting **Category:** General Business Agenda

Title: 2023 -232 Ordinance in the Amount of \$2,969,525 to Purchase Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for Firefighters from Rhinehart Fire Services, Inc.

Council Priority: Place an 'x' in the box.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safest City | <input type="checkbox"/> Most Skilled Workforce |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Sports Capital | <input type="checkbox"/> Hub of Recreation and Entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abundance of Attainable Housing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other/Admin <u>Purchase Essential Equipment</u> |

Council District: All

Public Hearing: No

Advertising Date/By: N/A

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PURPOSE:

To adopt an ordinance to allow funding of a Purchase Order for necessary firefighting breathing apparatus using proposed installment purchase financing planned for October 2023.

BACKGROUND:

The self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) currently used by City firefighters is scheduled to enter a non-warranty period at the end of October 2023 and would require the City to pay for any required maintenance on the breathing equipment thereafter from appropriations.

The City currently owns and needs to replace 270 SCBA's, 570 SCBA bottles, 650 SCBA Masks, and 40 RIT-PAK's for fire fighter rescue. Securing the proposed units directly impacts the safety of GFD personnel, by providing essential respiratory protection while performing their duties in structure fires and hazardous material incidents that are immediately dangerous to life and health work environments. The City needs to replace these aging equipment with new equipment that meets the current National Fire Protection Agency Standard 1981, prevent a major increase of our M&O budget, reduce downtime of current SCBA's due to repairs, and increase safety for the firefighters.

Vision Statement: "A Community with Endless Economic Opportunities and Exceptional Quality of Life."

Based on a cost analysis using a quote of \$2,969,525 provided by the vendor to replace all equipment, it is recommended that the Fire Department purchase all new SBCA with a 15-year warranty, funded by a proposed private placement bank installment financing expected to be issued in October 2023. The quote provided is under a NC Sheriff's Association Cooperative Purchasing Contract. Because the current lead time from purchase order to receipt of equipment is approximately six (6) months or more, it is necessary to enter into a Purchase Order now in order to procure the SBCA by October. Approval of this ordinance would allow the necessary appropriations to make the purchase.

City Council will be requested to approve a preliminary financing resolution on August 15, 2023 and the SCBA equipment financing on September 19, 2023. The City would seek Local Government Commission approval of the financing on October 3, 2023 with the proposed funds to be received later that month if adopted.

Should the City Council or the LGC not approve the proposed financing later this year, then "general" or other revenues would need to be used to fund this \$2.969 million purchase.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Estimated expenditures of approximately \$326,000 per year starting in FY 2025 would need to be included in annual Fire Department appropriations for debt service. If the new equipment is not purchased, annual maintenance of greater than \$400,000 per year for existing equipment would need to be considered in the General Fund budget after October 2023.

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

411-40-4097001.6059/ .9009

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

It is recommended that City Council approve the attached ordinance in the amount of \$2,969,525 to purchase self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighters.