



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of January 9, 2024
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of January 18, 2024

DATE: January 9, 2024
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Appropriating \$200,054.01 from the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance and Amending the FY 2024 Operating Budget by Increasing Expenditures in the General Fund and Purchase of an Additional Response Boat for the Corpus Christi Fire Department

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the purchase of one additional response boat in the amount of \$81,228.78 from Boat Right Marine for the Corpus Christi Fire Department to be funded by the FY 2023 Texas Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program revenue; and appropriating \$200,054.01 from the General Fund unreserved fund balance; and amending the FY 2024 Operating Budget by increasing expenditures in the Fire Department General Fund by \$200,054.01.

SUMMARY:

This Ordinance will appropriate \$200,054.01 from the General Fund unreserved fund balance and amend the FY 2024 Operating Budget by increasing expenditures in the General Fund by \$200,054.01. It will also authorize the purchase of one additional response boat in the amount of \$81,228.78 with this funding, which will be allocated to the Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD).

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

For the last six years, CCFD has participated in the Texas Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program (TASPP). TASPP is a program that allows approved governmental ambulance services providers across Texas to receive supplemental payments associated with the cost of providing services to Medicaid beneficiaries and uninsured patients.

On September 5, 2023, a resolution was passed amending the City of Corpus Christi's Financial Budgetary Policies that added Section 19 for Texas Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program (TASPP). Section 19 states that the Annual payment shall be applied exclusively to the Fire Department Budget for one-time expenditures and/or to cover budget overruns by the Fire Department in a respective fiscal year.

In FY 2023, CCFD budgeted \$2,000,000.00 in revenues and received \$2,200,054.01. CCFD is appropriating the overage of \$200,054.01 in its FY 2024 budget as part of this item. The reason that CCFD is appropriating the \$200,054.01 in FY 2024 instead of FY 2023 is because CCFD did not receive these funds until late September 2023. CCFD budgeted \$2,000,000.00 again for

TASPP revenues for FY 2024. CCFD has allocated \$2,000,000.00 in TASPP funds in the FY 2024 operating budget for the replacement of three Medic Units and one replacement fire engine truck. This item uses the remaining \$200,054.01 of TASPP revenue that the City received in FY 2023 and appropriates the funding in FY 2024.

The \$200,054.01 of TASPP revenue will be allocated to CCFD for purchases of one additional response boat, five additional stair chairs, three replacement fire brush truck beds, and six additional Firecom Headset sets for in-cab communications on fire apparatuses. The additional six Firecom Headset sets will be placed in six separate fire apparatuses. Each of the six Firecom Headset sets will come with six Headsets. The five additional stair chairs, three replacement fire brush truck beds, and six additional Firecom Headset sets will all be purchased individually in the future and will not need City Council action because of the pricing of the items.

The additional response boat will be stationed at Fire Station #1 (Belden Street). The additional response boat will be a 2024 Boat Right 24 Classic. This boat is a shallow running boat capable of operating in bays and other shallow waters. It has a large open bow working area that will allow CCFD personnel to easily access patients, load boom, and attach the fire pump when needed. The boat is a needed addition to CCFD's boat fleet for these reasons.

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PROCUREMENT DETAIL:

This procurement is through the BuyBoard Cooperative. Contracts awarded through the Buyboard Cooperative have been competitively procured, in compliance with local and state procurement requirements.

Boat Right Marine, Inc. under Buyboard Cooperative offers a listed 1% to 2% discount off published catalog rates on boats and accessories. Boat Right Marine, Inc. further discounted accessories and motor with additional 8.8% to 11% cost savings from catalog price list. Savings of approximately \$5,990.00.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative to accepting the ordinance and amendment increasing the FY 2024 General Fund operating budget expenditures is to leave the current General Fund operating budget as it stands; however, this will limit CCFD's ability to purchase equipment necessary for emergency response situations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The financial impact is an increase in the FY 2024 General Fund expenditures by \$200,054.01 which will be allocated to CCFD for department purchase, with \$81,228.78 of this funding being authorized for the purchase of a response boat.

Funding Detail:

Fund:	1020	General Fund
Organization/Activity:	12010	Fire Stations
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	550020	Vehicle and Machinery

Amount: \$81,228.78

Fund:	1020	General Fund
Organization/Activity:	12010	Fire Stations
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	520090	Minor Tools & Equipment
Amount:	\$20,366.20	

Fund:	1020	General Fund
Organization/Activity:	12050	Fire Apparatus & Shop
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	530100	Vehicle Repairs
Amount:	\$59,394.47	

Fund:	1020	General Fund
Organization/Activity:	12040	Fire Communications
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	520090	Minor tools and Equipment
Amount:	\$39,064.56	

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance