



Minutes - Final

Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

5:45 PM

Call to Order: Chairperson Hendricks, Affa, Zucal

[15-2263](#)

Bill 15

Amending the 2018 General Fund Budget and the 2018 Equipment Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) as a result from a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (PA DCED) Initiative Program, to the Allentown Fire Department to provide for Fire Pumper Engine. The grant funds will then be transferred from the General Fund to the Equipment Fund for proper distribution.

Attachments: [Bill 15 DCED Grant for Fire Engine](#)
[Ordinance #15441](#)

Deputy Fire Chief James Wehr stated that this was a grant that was offered by the state to help supplement the purchase of fire trucks for this year, 2018. The truck will actually get here in January 2019.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if that will cover the cost of the full pumper.

Deputy Fire Chief James Wehr stated that they will have to put \$8,000 out of the budget to cover the cost. Out of the fire department's budget, we have to put a little over \$8,000 out to cover the cost.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions from the committee.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that we are getting \$492,000 back.

Deputy Fire Chief James Wehr stated that they are giving us \$500,000. The truck costs \$509,000.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any other questions.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that he wanted to add to this because this question came up a few weeks ago. We locked in the pre-tariff pricing and the second and third fire trucks as well. That will be a big savings to us as far as working on the leasing procedures. We have locked in pre-tariff

pricing for all three of them.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if it is the tariff against imported steel.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that it how it will be or the form it will take.

Deputy Fire Chief James Wehr stated that the reason why we locked in on it is because the price increased as of May 1st. We had to lock in to this earlier or it would have jumped a couple percentages.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if it would be a maintenance program in place.

Assistant Chief Wehr stated that it is the maintenance program with the garage.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that he is very happy that they were able to lock that in. That is going to be a huge savings for us. He stated that he thinks Mr. Zucal is referring to a Vehicle Replacement Plan.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that the Mayor has pledged to work on that so that we are not caught in the same situation in the past year.

Deputy Fire Chief James Wehr stated that his understanding is that is in the works and hopefully we can work that out and have a replacement plan in place.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that if there are no other questions from Council, he will open it up to the public.

Mr. Glen Hunsicker, South Allentown, stated when we get grant money, when it is expected in the city coffers.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that his understanding with the assistance of Senator Browne, it is about ready for take off from the state and when it comes, he doesn't think it is very long. It may be a year or a matter of weeks.

Mr. Glenn Hunsicker asked when you lock this in do you have to give money.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that it is a commitment to buy.

Mr. Tom Hahn, 2016 E. Highland Street, asked for someone to explain the Lease part of buying the truck.

Deputy Fire Chief James Wehr stated that the grant truck is not a Lease. The grant truck is going to be paid outright.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that is the cost of the truck. It is not a lease.

Deputy Fire Chief James Wehr stated that this grant is paying for it outright. There will be no leasing on this truck.

Mr. Tom Hahn asked if the warranty of the truck will be the responsibility of the city and there will be no extended warranty on that equipment.

Deputy Fire Chief James Wehr stated that it is a new truck so there is a warranty with it. A lot of the things covered on the truck is covered for five years.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he still believes that the city works on it, but the major component are probably covered. We can look at that.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that just like if you bought a car now and take it to Chevy, it is something that Chevy can't fix, they will send to the manufacture. That is the same thing that would happen with the fire truck. What they can't fix, it would go to Pierce or Pierce will come here.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that it is the standard warranty with the truck. Just like if you have a car and you have a three year, 36,000 mile warranty on your engine, bumper to bumper you don't get free oil changes or fires or any other services, maintenances or light bulbs. Centera does the maintenance on the vehicle.

Mr. Tom Hann stated that he read in the Charter about replacing the equipment and since he is one of the proponent of having a 10 percent reduction in the budget, I am looking for any place that money can be saved.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any other questions.

A motion was made by Ed Zucal, seconded by Candida Affa, that this Ordinance be forwarded without recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Daryl Hendricks, Candida Affa and Ed Zucal

Enactment No: 15441

Adjourned: 5:55 PM