

Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2016
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Westside Fire Station

FINANCE AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

- A. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL
- B. CORRECTION OF MINUTES
- C. BUSINESS: OPEN

- 1. ENGINE 5 REFURB PROPOSAL

- Discuss the recent Refurb proposal for Engine 5

Individual Requesting Item	Interim Chief Heins
Expected Length of Discussion	10 min

- Documents:

- [*Engine 5 refurb Council Letter.doc*](#)

- 2. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT 2017 ANNUAL BUDGET

Individual Requesting Item	City Administrator
Expected Length of Discussion	TBD

- 3. POSSIBLE FARE INCREASES FOR SHARED-RIDE TAXI SERVICE

- Discussion and possible action*
 - This will tie in with the budget*

Individual Requesting Item	City Clerk/DOGG
Expected Length of Discussion	10 min.

- D. BUSINESS BY MEMBERS

- May make brief informative statements or bring up items to be discussed at a future meeting.

- E. ADJOURNMENT

This Committee may take any action it considers appropriate related to any item on this agenda.

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Members: Chairperson Reid Stangel, Brooke Bauman, Chuck Koch, and Alternate Michael Boyce

Youth in Government Members: Nick Baumann, Lillian Edwards



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Members of Public Safety and Finance Committees;

In early October, the council had bonded to fund capital projects in the city. In this bonding, the fire department had requested \$250,000.00 to refurb Engine 5. Engine 5 is a 1998 Pierce Quantum that is currently located at station 2. Our goal for this project was to refurb the engine in attempt to get an additional 10-15 years out of the truck. Currently the truck is 18 years old. Our planning was to get 30 years out of the truck before replacing it.

In August, personnel from Pierce Manufacturing came down to Monroe to evaluate Engine 5 and to write a proposal for the refurb. This refurb would include items such as emergency lighting upgrade, intake valves rebuilt, rust repair and repainting to name a few.

The proposal came in much higher than expected and budgeted for. The proposal came in at \$400,000. We had budgeted \$250,000. The biggest concern with the refurb was the corrosion repair. The underneath and frame work has experienced corrosion damage.

After evaluating the proposal from Pierce Manufacturing, it is my recommendation that we eliminate this refurb project on Engine 5. Listed below are reason I feel that this project should not be completed:

1. The project is currently \$150,000 over budget. This does not take into consideration and additional overruns that may be found during the project.
2. In 1998, the engine was purchased for around \$400,000 - \$450,000. A new truck built the same would cost nearly \$600,000 - \$625,000 today.
3. It does not seem fiscally responsible to spend \$400,000 in attempt to extend the service life of this vehicle another 10-15 years.
4. The refurb could not take place without addressing the corrosion issues. If the corrosion issues are not address and the rest of the refurb would take place, it would be putting a band-aid on a larger problem.
5. The engine is still operational. In its current state, we are still able to respond and perform at the level of service that is needed. By not performing the refurb, the vehicle replacement schedule will need to be adjusted. Currently Engine 5 would be scheduled to be replaced in 2023.

I do not feel that it is fiscally responsible to proceed with this project at this time. I would recommend that we utilize the funds in a vehicle replacement fund. As mentioned previously by Fire Chief Rausch, the replacement plan would include Engine 5 in 2023 (25 yrs. old) and Ladder 7 in 2025 (33 yrs old). These two trucks alone could cost over 1.5 million dollars.

If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

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