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Meeting Name: City Council Finance Committee

Date: March 18, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 140 Main Street

This meeting will be held in the City Council Chamber. Public attendance is permitted. The meeting will be televised on WMCT-TV (Comcast Channel 8 or Verizon/Fios Channel 34) or you can view the meeting using the link under the Meeting Videos tab on the city's website, home page (www.marlborough-ma.gov).

Order No.24-1009106: Communication from Mayor Dumais together with a request for a Transfer of funds in the amount of \$786,500.00 from Free Cash to Fire Equipment for the purchase of an E-ONE Fire Engine for the Fire Department.

THE LISTING OF TOPICS THAT THE CHAIR REASONABLY ANTICIPATES WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING IS NOT INTENDED AS A GUARANTEE OF THE TOPICS THAT WILL HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED. NOT ALL TOPICS LISTED MAY IN FACT BE DISCUSSED, AND OTHER TOPICS NOT LISTED MAY ALSO BE BROUGHT UP FOR DISCUSSION TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

The public should take due notice that the Marlborough City Council may have a quorum in attendance due to Standing Committees of the City Council consisting of both voting and non-voting members. However, members attending this duly posted meeting are participating and deliberating only in conjunction with the business of the Standing Committee.

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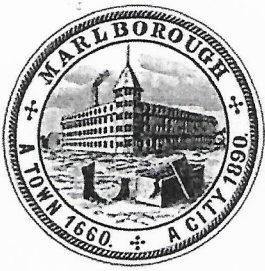
ORDERED:

That the Transfer Request in the amount of \$786,500.00 (Seven hundred eighty-six thousand five hundred dollars) from Free Cash to Fire Equipment for the purchase of an E-ONE Fire Engine for the Fire Department, be and is herewith referred to **FINANCE COMMITTEE**.

CITY OF MARLBOROUGH									
BUDGET TRANSFERS -									
DEPT:		Fire				FISCAL YEAR:		2024	
FROM ACCOUNT:					TO ACCOUNT:				
Available									Available
Balance	Amount	Org Code	Object	Account Description:	Amount	Org Code	Object	Account Description:	Balance
\$7,562,846.40	\$786,500.00	10000	35900	Undesignated Fund	\$786,500.00	19300006	58512	Fire Dept Equipment	\$58.40
	Reason:	To fund a new E One Pumper Truck							
	\$786,500.00	Total			\$786,500.00	Total			

ADOPTED

ORDER NO. 24-1009106



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Office of the Mayor

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J. Christian Dumais, Mayor

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Mayor@marlborough-ma.gov

March 7, 2024

Council President Ossing
Marlborough City Council
140 Main Street
Marlborough, MA 01752

RE: Transfer Request for Pumper Truck

Dear Council President Ossing and Councilors,

Enclosed for your review and approval is a transfer request in the amount of \$786,500 from free cash to Fire Equipment for the purposes of securing an E-ONE fire engine for the Marlborough Fire Department.

Currently, our 20-year-old reserve engine is at risk of not passing its annual safety inspection. We utilize this engine when another is down for mechanical reasons or mutual aid. As you may be aware, since the pandemic, supply for fire apparatus cannot meet the increasing demand and has a 36-42-month backlog. Due to this, Chief Breen has become acutely aware of how to obtain needed apparatus by working with existing relationships he has in the industry. The Chief was able to secure a "stock" engine that is already in production and unclaimed by another community. In order to secure that engine, we must secure funding to pay for it.

Therefore, I am asking for your support on this transfer to ensure the Marlborough Fire Department stays ahead of the curve as it pertains to this mission critical fire engine. I would like to commend Chief Breen for his creative and forward-thinking approach in securing this engine. I do want to point out that this request simply covers the base cost of the engine, and not the additional tools and equipment needed to compliment the engine. This additional request, which stands around \$70,000, will be sent to you at a separate time.

Chief Breen and I will be available at a future meeting to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

J. Christian Dumais
Mayor

Finance

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March 6, 2024

The Honorable J. Christian Dumais
City of Marlborough
140 Main Street
Marlborough, MA 01752

RE: MFD Fire Engine Procurement

Dear Mayor Dumais:

This letter is submitted to summarize the urgency associated with procuring a new class A fire engine for the City of Marlborough. As you know, we operate fire suppression apparatus out of three fire stations. Each station (Station #1, #2, #3) has a class A fire engine positioned within to respond to one of three assigned fire protection districts in the city. Additionally, we maintain reserve fire apparatus to utilize when “front-line” fire apparatus is out of service for various mechanical reasons and to staff for major events and mutual aid. Attached is a spread sheet outlining the make, model and age of our front-line fire suppression apparatus. Engine 5 is positioned at headquarters and is a reserve fire engine. It happens to be a 2004 E-ONE Typhoon. Earlier this year while being serviced at an outside repair center, we were informed E-5 would NOT pass its annual safety inspection. While there are several mechanical issues affecting the roadworthiness of E-5, the primary concern is the delamination of the twenty-year-old frame rails. The significance of this safety condition and impact to our department’s fire protection capability was communicated to Mayor Vigeant. You may also recall the urgency of this matter was communicated during the mayoral transition period.

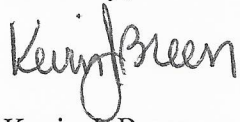
Nationally, fire apparatus manufacturers cannot fulfill orders to meet the remarkable demand for new fire apparatus (engines and ladders). The top fire apparatus dealers (Pierce, E-ONE, KME, Sutphen, Seagraves) are all reporting a 36–42 month backlog. This means that once a fire engine committee completes specifications for a new fire engine or ladder truck, the chosen manufacturer will build and deliver a new vehicle in approximately three (3) years. This reality is disrupting the marketplace and upsetting the capital replacement plans for all fire departments. The City of Marlborough has benefitted by maintaining awareness and seizing any opportunity to secure fire apparatus by opting to purchase a “stock” truck already in production and not yet

claimed by another community. This was how we were able to take delivery of our 2018 heavy rescue truck and our 2023 tower ladder (Truck 1) back in September of 2023. In February, we learned there was a suitable stock fire engine becoming available through a local apparatus dealer. We performed a site visit to view an identical model and quickly realized we should act immediately to encumber this fire engine.

Our solution to this problem is to replace (retire) reserve E-5 by taking our current, "front-line" Engine 2 from Station #2 and designate this unit as the new reserve engine. A newly purchased E-ONE fire engine would then be positioned at Station #2. Engine 5 is twenty-years old and has exceeded its useful service life. Our opportunity to secure a stock engine available through a local E-ONE dealer (Greenwood Fire Apparatus) was fortuitous. The dealer had preordered two (2) similar class A fire engines designed specifically for our region. One of the engines had already been claimed by another municipality in Connecticut. We acted quickly, with your support, and secured the opportunity to make this purchase. We expect to take delivery of this engine before the new year and thus avoid a long-term scenario of having a weakened fleet of critical fire suppression apparatus.

The E-ONE fire engine we are purchasing for \$786,500 meets our specific needs and is in no way a compromise on quality. The vehicle purchase price does **NOT** reflect the additional tools and equipment we must also purchase for this new engine. The estimate to reserve for these goods requires an additional \$70,000. Finally, we respectfully respect the city council support the purchase of this mission critical fire engine and we remain available to answer any questions in support of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin J. Breen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "K" and "B".

Kevin J. Breen
Fire Chief


W/Attachment


Marlborough Fire Department

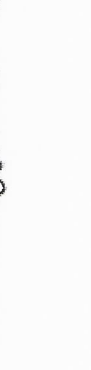
	YEAR	TYPE	#	MAKE	MODEL	
"FRONT LINE"	2020	COMMAND	C5	CHEVROLET	TAHOE	HEADQUARTERS STATION #1
"FRONT LINE"	2018	ENGINE	E1	PIERCE	IMPEL	HEADQUARTERS STATION #1
"FRONT LINE"	2015	ENGINE	E2	KMIE		STATION #2
"FRONT LINE"	2018	ENGINE	E3	PIERCE	IMPEL	STATION #3
"FRONT LINE"	2018	HEAVY RESCUE	R1	PIERCE	IMPEL	HEADQUARTERS STATION #1
"FRONT LINE"	2023	TOWER LADDER	T1	PIERCE	ENFORCER	HEADQUARTERS STATION #1
"FRONT LINE"	2020	SQUAD	SQ1	FORD - VENGEANT	F550	STATION #2
RESERVE	2004	ENGINE	E5	EMERGENCY ONE	TYPHOON	HEADQUARTERS STATION #1

CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
BUDGET TRANSFERS --

DEPT:	Fire	FISCAL YEAR:	2024	Available Balance
Amount		TO ACCOUNT:		Available Balance
\$786,500.00	10000	Org Code	58512	\$58.40
Reason:	To fund a new E One Pumper Truck	Object	Fire Dept Equipment	
		Account Description:		
Reason:				
Reason:				
Reason:				
Reason:				
Total	\$786,500.00	Total	\$786,500.00	

Department Head signature: 

Auditor signature: 

Comptroller signature: 

3/5/2024