Weatherford City Council

AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date:	July 22, 2025	**Staff Contact:**	Jonathan Peacock, Fire Chief
Item Number:	2025-383-AR	**Phone:**	817-598-4288

SUBJECT: Consider approval to order one (1) Pierce-Enforcer Pumper and one (1) Pierce-Enforcer Aerial from Siddons Martin Emergency Group, LLC., in the total amount of $3,778,623.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Weatherford Fire-Rescue is requesting approval to order two fully equipped fire apparatus as part of its strategic fleet replacement and expansion plan. The request includes one (1) Pierce Enforcer Pumper, 2nd Generation, which will be assigned to the future Fire Station #5, and one (1) Pierce Enforcer Aerial, HD Ladder 107' ASL Tandem, PUC, which will replace the current Aerial Ladder Truck assigned to Fire Station #1.

These apparatus will be delivered fully equipped with the necessary tools, hose, hardware, and other mission-critical equipment required for immediate frontline deployment. Estimated delivery timeframes are approximately 34-35 months for the pumper and 45-46 months for the aerial apparatus.

To ensure that the City selects fire apparatus that align with both current and future operational requirements, the department's apparatus engineering team was directed by the Fire Chief to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of multiple manufactures that produce pumpers and aerial ladder trucks. This evaluation process began prior to the ordering of the replacement apparatus for Engine 4 and continues to evolve and expand as the department continually assesses and refines its fleet replacement program. The ongoing assessment includes an in-depth review of four leading fire apparatus manufactures. The evaluation focuses on ten factors. One of the ten factors is maintenance and service support, which is critical to sustaining an operational fleet.

Given the department's limited reserve fleet, minimizing apparatus downtime is essential to maintaining service continuity. As such, the ability to access timely and dependable maintenance, particularly through manufacturer-authorized service centers, was a key consideration. The evaluation also included input from other fire departments regarding their long-term experiences with the manufacturers under consideration.

Following this thorough assessment process, the department concluded that Pierce Manufacturing, represented regionally by Siddons Martin Emergency Group, offers the most advantageous overall solution. Pierce apparatus not only fulfill the department's operational and design requirements, but also provide superior regional maintenance support. As a result, Pierce has emerged as the preferred apparatus provider among many fire departments in the region and is the recommended choice for this procurement.

Approval at this time serves two key purposes: (1) to secure the City's place in the manufacturer's production queue due to industry-wide extended lead times, and (2) to avoid price increases scheduled to take effect in August 2025, as stated by all evaluated manufactures. Early authorization ensures the City locks in current pricing and avoids inflation-related cost increases.

Both apparatus will be procured through the Texas BuyBoard cooperative purchasing contract (#746-24), ensuring compliance with procurement regulations while streamlining the acquisition process.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total cost of the fully equipped Pierce Enforcer Pumper is $1,434,635, which includes $1,152,375 for the chassis and body, and $282,260 for the required operational equipment. The total cost of the fully equipped Pierce Enforcer Aerial is $2,342,488, which includes $1,975,228 for the chassis, aerial and body, and $367,260 for its equipment package. The combined order total for both fully equipped apparatus is $3,778,623.

Due to extended lead times, no immediate budget allocation is required. Funding will be allocated and expenses will be incurred in the appropriate fiscal years based on projected delivery schedules.

SUGGESTED ACTION

Staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS

- Example of apparatus to be ordered - July 2025
- Apparatus proposal 7-14-25
- 1207 PUC Aerial Specification 7-14-25
- Bid 1203 Pumper specifications 7-14-25
- Texas BuyBoard
- Equipment Pricing