



MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 25, 2011

TO: Jim Scholl, City Manager

FROM: Michael Davila, Division Chief of Operations

SUBJECT: Executive Summary – Guardians of the Ribbon-Pink Fire Engine Cancer Awareness

PROJECT

The Key West Fire Department proposes donating Old Fire Engine #5, 1989 FMC Spartan pumper, to the Guardians of the Ribbon-Pink Fire Truck Cancer Awareness Program.

Old Engine 5 has multiple mechanical issues including the inability to pass an NFPA required pump test. To bring the apparatus into compliance would be extremely cost prohibitive. Old Engine 5 had been assigned for sale using Ten-8 Fire Equipment as the broker through Resolution 10-096 on March 17, 2010, Pursuant to City Code 2-771(3). Ten-8 has not had any inquiries about Old Engine 5 and the brokerage agreement expired October 31, 2010. Ten-8 does not wish to extend the agreement any longer. We then contacted several other brokers, and none were interested in entering into an agreement.

In March 2010 we evaluated similar Fire Engines as our 1989 FMC Spartan and believed the value to be between \$20,000 and \$30,000. We studied six different brokerage firms found in several trade magazines. We believed Ten-8 Fire Equipment would be the best broker for our needs and they were assigned broker by resolution. Ten-8 did a more thorough evaluation after the agreement was signed. They asked for a current pump test which is required by the National Fire Protection Association. A pump test was done by Fire-Tech Repair Service on April 14, 2010 and Old Engine 5 did not pass. Fire-Tech attempted multiple repairs including drilling out rust holes and inserting brass pipe plugs, and disassembling the pump to clean and lube. All tests and repair costs were \$586.98. Rob Burly from Fire-Tech said the only repair that would fix the issue would be to completely replace the pump at a cost of over \$3000. Ten-8 listed the pumper as a non-compliant pumper. Ten-8 also said there was no interest in Old Engine 5 due to the cab configuration which has an enclosure for only two personnel, and a top-mount pump panel.

Old Engine 5 was acquired on September 28, 1989 at a cost of \$143,318. It operated as a front line pumper until replaced by Engine 8 on February 10, 2000. It was then relegated to back-up duty until May of last year when the new Engine 5 was purchased. Old Engine 5 is in relatively good condition excluding the pump,

which is a vital part of any operating Fire Engine. We believe the cost of repair to a fire fighting operational condition would be prohibitive considering the lack of interest due to cab configuration. Other than the pump, the truck has value to an organization for the symbolic nature of a used Fire Engine that is mechanically sound.

Guardians of the Ribbon, a 501(3)(c), is a national fund raising organization that uses retired Fire Engines to promote cancer awareness, mostly women fighting the disease. They offer their assistance to local fund raising efforts, and have offered to make Key West an annual stop on their "Mission of Love and Hope". Shane Shifflett of Guardians of the Ribbon says he will come down and pick up Old Engine 5 and restore it as needed to function as a fund raising tool at no expense to the City of Key West.

Pursuant to City Code 2-771(3), the Fire Department proposes to donate old Engine 5 to the Guardians of the Ribbon-Pink Fire Truck Cancer Awareness Program.

OPTIONS:

- Sell the old Engine 5 by advertising in Trade Magazines and using City staff to accept bids, rate bids, determine an acceptable selling price
- Keep old Engine 5 as another back-up apparatus, and make needed repairs to pass NFPA requirements, storing the apparatus outside
- Keep old Engine 5 as another back-up apparatus, and not make needed repairs to pass NFPA requirements, storing the apparatus outside
- Donating Old Engine 5 to the Guardians of the Ribbon-Pink Fire Engine Cancer Awareness Program to use at fund raising events around the State and Country

ADVANTAGES:

Donating the old Engine 5 to the Guardians of the Ribbon-Pink Fire Truck Cancer Awareness Program would bring good will to the City of Key West. We would also retire a unit from our fleet providing space to store other equipment safely.

DISADVANTAGES:

The storing the old Engine 5 outside and exposed to the weather would only speed up the deterioration process. This would rapidly lessen the value if we wished to sell the Fire Truck in the future. Storing the apparatus outside could be a liability if someone were to get hurt while playing on an unprotected Fire Truck.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The City of Key West would lose monies from an unlikely potential sale. No other costs would be incurred.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Key West Fire Department recommends donating Old Engine 5 to the Guardians of the Ribbon-Pink Fire Truck Cancer Awareness Program.