

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mayor Prussing and City Council Members

FROM: Mike Dilley, Fire Chief
Ronald Eldridge, Comptroller

DATE: October 22, 2008

SUBJECT: An Ordinance Amending the City Budget for the Purchase of Fire Truck

Introduction and Background

FD22 is a 1991 Pierce Fire Pumper Truck which would normally have been scheduled for replacement last fiscal year. Front line fire pumper trucks are on a normal 15 year replacement cycle, then they are rotated to a reserve status for an additional 5 years (reserve status trucks are utilized if front line truck is being repaired or for emergencies). However, the City was hopeful of delaying the replacement of this fire for an extra 4 years to 2012. This would be helpful in spreading out the replacement time of all the fire trucks such that about 4 years a new truck would be purchased.

However, about 1 month ago, the engine in FD22 expired. The cost to repair the engine is approximately \$40,000. While new fire trucks are expensive (\$380,000), everyone on the City's management team felt that the best option was to replace the fire truck rather than repair.

Fiscal Impact

Since monies are saved annually for the replacement of these fire trucks in the City's Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund, there has already been accumulated sufficient funds for this purchase.

Recommendation

I recommend approval of the attached budget ordinance amendment.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-10-128

**AN ORDINANCE
REVISING THE ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE
(Fire Truck Purchase, 2008)**

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget Ordinance of and for the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009, (the "Annual Budget Ordinance") has been duly adopted according to sections 8-2-9.1 et seq. of the Illinois Municipal Code (the "Municipal Code") and Division 2, entitled "Budget", of Article VI, entitled "Finances and Purchases", of Chapter 2, entitled "Administration", of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois (the "City Code"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the said City of Urbana finds it necessary to revise said Annual Budget Ordinance by deleting, adding to, changing or creating sub-classes within object classes and object classes themselves; and

WHEREAS, funds are available to effectuate the purpose of such revision; and

WHEREAS, such revision is not one that may be made by the Budget Director under the authority so delegated to the Budget Director pursuant to section 8-2-9.6 of the Municipal Code and section 2-133 of the City Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. That the Annual Budget be and the same is hereby revised to provide as follows:

FUND:	Vehicle Equipment Replacement Fund	
INCREASE EXPENSE:	Fire Pumper Truck	\$380,000
DECREASE:	Fund Balance	\$380,000

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval and shall not be published.

Section 3. This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the corporate authorities then holding office, the "ayes" and "nays" being called at a regular meeting of said Council.

PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of _____,
_____.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____,
_____.

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor