



Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 23, 2021

TO: City Council

FROM: FIRE CHIEF LOPEZ

SUBJECT: DONATION AND TRANSFER OF TITLE OF THE 1928 SEAGRAVE LADDER TRUCK TO WATSONVILLE FIREFIGHTERS INC

STATEMENT OF ISSUES:

The City of Watsonville currently holds the title on the 1928 Seagrave Ladder Truck that is housed in the Watsonville Fire Department Chief Gene Friend Fire Museum at 105 Second Street. This truck is on display but not being fully maintained by Watsonville Firefighters, Inc. since they do not own the ladder truck.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

City Council approve by resolution, the donation and transfer of title of the 1928 Seagrave Ladder Truck to Watsonville Firefighter's, Inc. (WFF), a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit corporation, with the requirement that the WFF provide an antique engine, without cost, to the City of Watsonville for various events as requested by the City of Watsonville Fire Chief or his/her designee.

DISCUSSION:

The 1928 Seagrave ladder truck will continue to be on display at the Watsonville Fire Department Chief Gene Friend Fire Museum at 105 Second Street. This ladder truck served the City for 48 years and has been maintained by the members of Watsonville Firefighters Inc. The ladder truck is a part of the long and proud history of the Watsonville Fire Department. This ladder truck and other retired apparatus in the Gene Friend Museum have been used over the years in the 4th of July parade, Watsonville High School homecoming parade and other public events.



In accordance with City of Watsonville Municipal Code Section 3-5.600, *Disposition of surplus equipment and supplies*, the Purchasing Officer, Administrative Services Director approves of the requested disposition of this fire truck.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item relates to Strategic Plan 05- Community Engagement & Well-Being. After 49 years of service, the 1928 Seagrave Ladder Truck is a part of Watsonville. Having this ladder truck in full working order and on display for past, present and future generations will bring continued pride in the rich history of Watsonville and provide for community engagement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There would be a reduction in the current financial impact. The City would reduce its liability by transferring the title to Watsonville Firefighters Inc.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

Maintain ownership which would include maintenance costs to keep the ladder truck operational, insurance premiums and staffing for the pumper for special events.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):

None.