THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Meeting Date: May 24, 2022

Subject: Transfer of AFD Surplus Vehicles to Buncombe County

Staff Resource(s): Scott Burnette, Fire Chief

Action Requested: Approval from City Council to allow the transfer of two city owned emergency vehicles to Buncombe County Emergency Management.

Background:

- Currently the Fire Department maintains and operates two specialized emergency vehicles in partnership with Buncombe County Emergency Management.
- A mass casualty transport bus and a service truck utilized in extended fire cause determination investigations.
- Both vehicles are used infrequently by the Fire Department.
- The Medic Bus was purchased through a Memo of Agreement with NC Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, Emergency Management Division in 2009.
- The vehicle was jointly operated by the Fire Department and Buncombe EMS.
- The vehicle has been a regional emergency response asset for the western part of North Carolina.
- The vehicle will now be operated solely by Buncombe EMS, but will remain a regional response asset.
- The Arson Task Force service truck was purchased through fundraising efforts in the late 1990s by staff from the Fire Department, Buncombe County Fire Marshal's Office, and District Attorney's Office.
- The service truck will be utilized by Buncombe County EM for the local Urban Search and Rescue Task Force, which the Fire Department supports.
- The city has maintained both vehicles since purchase.
- Both response vehicles have depreciated all resale value.
- Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-280, cities may donate personal property that the City Council deems surplus, obsolete, or unused to other governmental agencies.

Council Goal(s):

- Connected and Engaged Community

Committee(s):

- Public Safety Committee

Pro(s):

- Provides for extending the useful life of both vehicles.
- Reduces maintenance costs to the City for vehicles.
- Both vehicles will remain regional resources that could be used during events within the City of Asheville.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- None other than a slight reduction in maintenance costs in the Fire Department budget.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to authorize the City Manager to transfer surplus vehicles to Buncombe County.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 22-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TRANSFER SURPLUS EMERGENCY VEHICLES TO BUNCOMBE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the City has the authority pursuant to N.C.S.G. 160A-280 to donate personal property that the City Council deems surplus. obsolete, or unused to governmental agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Asheville Fire Department maintains and operates two specialized emergency vehicles in partnership with Buncombe County Emergency Management. A mass casualty transport bus and a service truck utilized in extended fire cause determination investigations, and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department rarely utilizes these vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Buncombe County has expressed a desire to utilize transport Bus for Emergency Medical Services, and

WHEREAS, the transport bus will remain available as a regional response asset; and

WHEREAS, Buncombe County has expressed a desire to utilize the service truck for an Urban Search and Rescue Task Force; and

WHEREAS, both vehicles have depreciated beyond all resale value; and

WHEREAS, Buncombe County has requested ownership of these surplus vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to donate and transfer ownership of two surplus vehicles, specifically, a mass casualty transport bus and a service truck previously utilized in extended fire cause determination investigations, to Buncombe County..

Read, approved and adopted this 24th day of May, 2022.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney