



Legislation Text

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Donate and Exchange Surplus Property.

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Department:

Fire

Overview: The fire department possesses several pieces of surplus equipment that could be utilized by other area fire departments. The attached resolution, if adopted, would allow for this equipment to be sold and exchanged under North Carolina General Statute 160A-274.



Recommendation(s):

That the Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing sale and exchange of property under NCGS 160A-274.

Key Issues:

- North Carolina General Statute 160A-274 allows for the exchange, lease, sale or purchase of governmental property between governmental units.

Fire Suppression Foam Trailer

- The Chapel Hill Fire Department (CHFD) owns specialized equipment ("Foam Trailer") that allows for the application of fire suppression foam. The Foam Trailer carried fire suppression foam and related equipment and was useful when the Hospital Helipad was located on ground level and the Horace Williams Airport was open for aircraft operations. We no longer need this equipment because of the fire protection system at the elevated Hospital Helipad and the closure of the airport. We are preparing to surplus the Foam Trailer.
- The City of Burlington identified several hazards that would require the application of fire suppression foam and is in need of a Fire Suppression Foam Trailer.
- Transfer of this equipment, for nominal consideration, to the City of Burlington keeps it in use and is consistent with our ongoing relationships of mutual support with other local fire departments.

Exchange of Equipment with Snow Camp Volunteer Fire Department

- The Snow Camp Volunteer Fire Department would like to exchange surplus equipment, a brush truck skid mount tank and pump (property of Town of Chapel Hill) for seating and rails for a 5 ton truck (property of SCVFD).
- About five years ago CHFD obtained a 5-ton truck from the NC Forest Service. The vehicle "TAC 51" is used for high-water rescue and response. The truck did not come with seating in the bed of the truck, but employees built improvised seating. Snow Camp Volunteer Fire Department owns a like 5-ton truck that has seating and rails for the bed that are not used as the vehicle is deployed differently.
- About a year ago, Chapel Hill Fire Department and Public Works Department converted a brush truck that was being retired from service to a refueling vehicle. The pump and tank from the former brush truck were removed to make room for a small fuel tank and pumping equipment. The equipment taken off the old brush truck is slated for salvage as our department no longer has a need for this equipment.

- An exchange of the above referenced equipment between departments would be mutually beneficial and support our operations.

Fiscal Impact/Resources: No fiscal impacts noted



Attachments:

- Resolution
- Memorandum from City of Burlington
- Memorandum from Snow Camp Volunteer Fire Department

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND EXCHANGE OF SURPLUS FIRE EQUIPMENT (2019-10-30/R-5)

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 160A-274 allows for governmental units upon such terms and conditions deemed wise, with or without consideration, exchange with, lease to, lease from, sell to, or purchase from any other governmental unit any interest in personal property; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill, the City of Burlington and the Snow Camp Volunteer Fire Department are "governmental units" by definition of the aforementioned statute; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill Fire Department currently possesses surplus equipment that could be used by the City of Burlington and Snow Camp Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Snow Camp Volunteer Fire Department currently possesses surplus equipment that could be used by the Town of Chapel Hill Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, sale and exchange of the aforementioned surplus equipment will assist the entities in meeting operational goals and allow for the equipment to be used for better and intended use; and

WHEREAS, sale and exchange of the aforementioned surplus equipment furthers inter local collaboration and partnerships.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council approves and authorizes the sale of surplus equipment, a Fire Suppression Foam Trailer and related accessories, to the City of Burlington.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill approves and authorizes the exchange of surplus equipment, a brush truck skid mount tank and pump for seating and rails for a 5 ton truck, with the Snow Camp Volunteer Fire Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill, directs the Manager and Attorney to actuate this transfer through the development of any appropriate terms.

This the 30th day of October, 2019.

The Agenda will reflect the text below and/or the motion text will be used during the meeting.

By adopting the resolution, the Council authorizes the transfer and exchange of surplus equipment with other local fire departments.