

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Monday, October 24, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the aldermanic chamber.

President Lori Wilshire presided; City Clerk Dan Healey recorded.

Prayer was offered by City Clerk Dan Healey; Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons led in the Pledge to the Flag.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance.

City Clerk Healey called the roll.

The roll call was taken with 11 members of the Board of Aldermen present: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Klee, Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly (via Zoom), Alderman Dowd (via Zoom), Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron, Alderman Thibeault, Alderman Wilshire.

Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Comeau, and Alderwoman Timmons were recorded absent.

President Wilshire to turn the meeting over to Vice-Chairman of Budget Review Committee Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### Vice-Chairman O'Brien

I am now going to open up the public hearing of R-22-070. For those that are in attendance, I will call up at the required time testimony in favor. After receiving all testimony in favor, I will then call testimony in opposition. Then I will come back again and offer testimony in favor and then again testimony in opposition. Those that do come up to speak, please give us your name and address. At this particular time, we have in attendance Madam President Captain Page and Sergeant Lang. Do you want to come forward to offer a presentation on this and Ms. Smith if you would like to join us as well please?

#### Robert Page, Police Captain

Good evening. Thank you Madam President and members of the Board for allowing us to speak tonight. I'm here with Sergeant Michael Lang and Finance Manager Karen Smith. We're here tonight to speak on the replacement of our current mobile command center. A mobile center is an onsite platform used for command, control, and communication during such events as terrorist attacks, SWAT incidents, natural disasters, and large city events like the Holiday Stroll.

The vehicle will be equipped with industry standard technology and allows us to put our main set of operations on the road where the event is taking place. Our current vehicle that we have now is 16 years old and it is very antiquated. We are looking for \$673,487 to purchase the new vehicle from LEV Customs Specialty Vehicles. This price quote has been secured for 60 days expiring on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Due to nationwide cost spikes, LEV has already reached out to advise the price will be increasing substantially at the end of those 60 days if we have not committed to the purchase. Sergeant Lang is here to answer specific questions about the vehicle that you might have. Any financial questions you have, Karen Smith will be able to answer. Thank you.

#### Vice-Chairman O'Brien

As per our custom, I will now open it up for questions of clarity for members of the Board.

#### Alderman Sullivan

Thank you Mr. Chairman. The question I had, I had a great sit down with Chief Rourke today and we talked this very subject. One question I forgot to ask was the timeline for purchase. So if the quote expires let's say early December, place the order by then, how long is it going to take for us to get the vehicle?

#### Unidentified Male Speaker

It's going to be approximately – they told us 18 to 24 months.

#### Alderman Sullivan

Okay, great. Thanks.

Vice-Chairman O'Brien

Seeing no further questions from the Board, I'll look on Zoom. Is our Chairman Alderman Dowd do you have any questions?

Alderman Dowd

Yeah, I just want to mention that vehicle is in CERF and it required additional monies. That's why we're here today.

Vice-Chairman O'Brien

Thank you Alderman Dowd.

**R-22-070**

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER TO ISSUE BONDS NOT TO EXCEED SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$675,000) TO PURCHASE A NEW MT55 MOBILE COMMAND CENTER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR- None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DOWD TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, BY ROLL CALL**

A viva voce roll call was taken which resulted as follows:

Yea:	Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Klee, Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron, Alderman Thibeault, Alderman Wilshire	11
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**MOTION CARRIED**

Vice-Chairman O'Brien closed the public hearing on Resolution R-22-070 at 7:08 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DOWD THAT THE OCTOBER 24, 2022, SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN BE ADJOURNED, BY ROLL CALL**

A viva voce roll call was taken which resulted as follows:

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**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:09 p.m.