



CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE
300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, California 93950

AGENDA REPORT

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL
FROM: Susan Goldbeck, Council Member
MEETING DATE: July 19, 2006
SUBJECT: Council to evaluate the value and salability of the surplus fire engine with a view towards selling or donating it to the City of Atotonilco, Mexico

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the sale or donation of the fire engine.

DISCUSSION:

It had come to my attention through my affiliation with the Rotary and in particular an international Rotary effort to provide various services to the poor in Mexico, called The Mexico Connection, that a Mexican City outside of Guadalajara, Atotonilco could very much use the fire engine we have which is no longer in use. My fellow Rotarian, Cosmay Padilla, himself a former fireman who has long been involved in bringing aid to Mexico including fire apparatus and medical supplies and equipment, will be giving a brief presentation about the program at the Council meeting.

Last month I discussed the prospect of a donation or sale of the engine to the Rotary for donation to the City of Atotonilco with our Fire Chief Andrew Miller as well as with City Manager Jim Colangelo.

Chief Miller was very supportive of the idea of Pacific Grove becoming involved in donating or selling this engine to these folks who could really use it. The only other inquiry which had been received was for a donation to the local art museum to be cut up and used as a children's climbing toy.

City Manager Jim Colangelo indicated that the matter would have to be brought to the Council for their decision and he will be giving a report to the Council as to the value of the engine and the mechanism for its sale or donation.

Funds will have to be raised not only for purchase of the engine but for transportation and that will be done through the Rotary, both on the local and international level.

Actually, Lee Yarborough, the editor of our town newspaper the Bulletin, himself a Rotarian, has previously agreed to donate all payments for mayoral campaign advertising to a charitable purpose and it is my intention to use part of this advertising “donation” for purchase of this fire engine. There was a previous Pacific Grove fire engine that was sent to a city in Mexico during Chief Greg Glass’ time as Pacific Grove chief so there is some precedent for this.

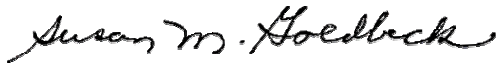
FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Municipal Code Section 2.16.110

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Susan Goldbeck
Council Member

PACIFIC GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE

2.16.110 Surplus supplies and equipment.

All using departments shall submit to the purchasing agent, at such time and in such form as he or she shall prescribe, reports showing all supplies and equipment which are no longer used or which have become obsolete or worn out. The purchasing agent shall have authority to sell all supplies and equipment which cannot be used by any department or which have become unsuitable for city use, or to exchange the same for, or trade in the same on, new supplies and equipment. The purchasing agent shall utilize all appropriate means to realize maximum return possible on such sales, exchanges and trades.

(Ord. [1405 N.S.](#) § 2 (part), 1984).

