Resolution re-appropriating Operating Budget funds for purchase of Public Works vehicles from the fleet lease program.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse previously entered into a lease program for various department fleet vehicles, and said vehicles' lease payments are made monthly from a non-departmental operating budget fund for the duration of the leases; and

WHEREAS, fleet vehicles used for core operations and functions by various departments under the Public Works umbrella frequently have high use at facilities and work sites but result in low annual milage figures; and

WHEREAS, through review of vehicle usage, lease payment amounts, and resale values, observation has been made that the lifecycle cost of many fleet vehicles would result in substantial monthly savings to the City of La Crosse through departmental ownership, rather than ongoing lease payments; and

WHEREAS, individual departments can best asses their vehicle usage and determine which vehicles to purchase out of the lease program, with a plan for ongoing replacement in the future with Capital Equipment funding on a longer, recurring basis; and

WHEREAS, exact buyout figures will not be available until the point of sale, and it is advantageous to purchase as many vehicles as possible within the allocated funds; and

WHEREAS, due to recent staffing levels, current inventory of supplies, and anticipated usage of materials, based upon immediate circumstances, funds are available to purchase vehicles out of the lease program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby approves the re-allocation of Operating Funds for the following:

- Purchase of up to 8 Street Department Fleet Vehicles
- Purchase of up to 7 Engineering Fleet Vehicles

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds, not to exceed, shall be allocated *from* the following Street Department Operating Budget lines:

 Cement
 \$50,000

 Salt
 \$26,000

 General Administrative
 \$224,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds, not to exceed, shall be allocated to:

Street Department Lease Vehicles \$177,000.00 Engineering Department Lease Vehicles \$126,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City staff are hereby authorized to effectuate this Resolution.

I, Nikki M. Elsen, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on November 14, 2024.

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Nikki M. Elsen, WCMC, City Clerk City of La Crosse, Wisconsin