

CITY OF OAKLAND

AGENDA REPORT

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TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Fire Department
DATE: June 27, 2006

RE: **Resolution to Authorize the Use of the 1967 Van Pelt Parade Fire Engine by the Oakland Fire Department at Community Events Throughout the City Of Oakland and In Neighboring Cities and Counties and to Allow the Lending of the Same Parade Fire Engine to City of Oakland Employee Organizations Such as International Association of Firefighters Local 55, Oakland Firefighters Random Acts, Oakland Black Firefighters Association and Women Firefighters Associations and Non-Profit Organizations Such as Special Olympics and YMCA for Appearances at Local Community Events That Promote Civic Participation and Benefit the Economically Disadvantaged, Seniors, Disabled Persons and Youth.**

SUMMARY

A resolution has been prepared requesting that the City Council authorize the City Administrator to allow the Oakland Fire Department to use the 1967 Van Pelt Parade Fire Engine to encourage civic participation and promote a positive image of the City of Oakland at community events within the City of Oakland and in neighboring cities and counties.

If approved, through an established process, at the request of local organizations, agencies, cities, and counties, the Oakland Fire Department (OFD) will use the 1967 Van Pelt Parade Fire Engine at community events that encourage and support civic engagement and positively benefit all citizens including, seniors, youth, and persons with disabilities.

FISCAL IMPACT

Maintenance and fuel costs for the parade rig are budgeted for in the Department's adopted budget as the rig is part of the existing equipment inventory. Drivers participate off-duty on a volunteer basis. The agency requesting use of the parade is required to provide general liability insurance that meets the City's requirements. Therefore, the fiscal impact associated with this report is minimal.

BACKGROUND

Each year, the Oakland Fire Department receives numerous requests to participate in community events. In alignment with Mayor/Council Goal 2, objective 2E, "Encourage and support civic engagement" Goal 3, objective 3A, "Provide effective community programs for seniors, youth and people with disabilities", OFD proactively responds by participating in those events that provide an opportunity to promote a positive image for the City of Oakland and benefit the community by sponsoring or participating in events that positively impact seniors, youth, persons with disabilities, and the economically disadvantaged. OFD also supports the community

outreach and philanthropic efforts of employee organizations including, International Association of Firefighters Local 55, Oakland Black Firefighter's Association, Women in Fire Service Association, and the Oakland Firefighter's Random Acts.

For over 15 years OFD has participated in community events without benefit of dedicated equipment or formalized procedures. Through the collaborative efforts of the City of Oakland, Oakland Firefighters Random Acts, International Association of Firefighters Local 55, and the Oakland Black Firefighters Association, and the generous donations of local vendors, the 1967 Van Pelt Parade Fire Engine has been completely restored and is in optimal condition for use at local and neighboring community events. Further, staff consulted with City Attorney and Risk Management for review of legal form, risk assessment, and insurance requirements and developed a comprehensive policy and procedures that allows OFD to participate in community events, with the least amount of risk to the City of Oakland.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACT

The Oakland Fire Department participates in community outreach and fundraising activities of local non-profit agencies and organizations that directly benefit the citizens of Oakland. Some of the services provided by the agencies and employee organizations that OFD assists include:

- After-school mentoring programs
- Scholarships
- Library books
- Holiday meals
- Granting wishes to terminally ill persons and their families
- Christmas toys
- Playground equipment

OFD staff designed a formal application and approval process that allows employee organizations and local non-profit agencies to request the use of the Parade Fire Engine for use at their community events after signing liability waivers and consent forms.

Additionally, the 1967 Van Pelt Parade Fire Engine can be used during an emergency to ferry personnel and supplies and/or to create a platform for staging areas because the rig is equipped with a sound system and lighting. This will free up first line fire engines to perform other essential firefighting tasks.

The parade rig is solely for use at community events that encourage civic participation and benefit the citizens of Oakland, including, seniors, youth, persons with disabilities and the economically disadvantaged. It will never be used by individuals or organizations for personal gain or political purposes.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic- Potentially, funds could be generated for charitable organizations through fundraising activities during the approved event.

Environmental- There are no environmental opportunities associated with this report.

Social Equity- The parade rig will participate in community events that benefit economically disadvantaged families, youth, senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

RECOMMENDATION(S) AND RATIONALE

Staff recommends approval of a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to allow the Oakland Fire Department to use the 1967 Van Pelt parade fire engine to encourage civic participation and to promote a positive image of the City of Oakland at community events within the City of Oakland and in neighboring cities and counties.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff requests the City Council to approve this report and a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to allow the Oakland Fire Department to use the 1967 Van Pelt parade fire engine to encourage civic participation and to promote a positive image of the City of Oakland at community events within the City of Oakland and in neighboring cities and counties.

Respectfully submitted,


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**APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

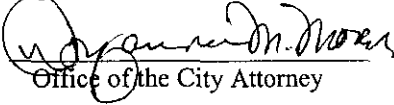

Office of the City Administrator

Item: _____
Public Safety Committee
June 27, 2006

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
OF OAKLAND

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Approved for Form and Legality


Office of the City Attorney

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF THE 1967 VAN PELT PARADE FIRE ENGINE BY THE OAKLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT AT COMMUNITY EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND IN NEIGHBORING CITIES AND COUNTIES AND TO ALLOW THE LENDING OF THE SAME PARADE FIRE ENGINE TO CITY OF OAKLAND EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 55, OAKLAND FIREFIGHTERS RANDOM ACTS, OAKLAND BLACK FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION AND WOMEN FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATIONS AND TO NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS SPECIAL OLYMPICS AND YMCA FOR APPEARANCES AT LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS THAT PROMOTE CIVIC PARTICIPATION AND BENEFIT THE ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED, SENIORS, DISABLED PERSONS AND YOUTH

WHEREAS, the Oakland Fire Department receives numerous requests on an ongoing regular basis to participate in community events; and

WHEREAS, the participation in community events provides the opportunity to encourage civic participation and to promote a positive image of the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, participating in community events is in alignment to Mayor/Council Goal 2, Objective 2E, "Encourage and support civic engagement"; and Goal 3, Objective 3A, "Provide effective community programs for seniors, youth, and people with disabilities"; and

WHEREAS, collaborative efforts between the City of Oakland, Oakland Firefighters Random Acts, International Association of Firefighters Local 55, the Oakland Black Firefighters Association, and other local non-profit organizations increase and enhance the services available to the citizens of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the 1967 Van Pelt parade fire engine was completely restored through the collective efforts of the City of Oakland, Oakland Firefighters Random Acts, Local 55 and the Oakland Black Firefighters Association; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Fire Department developed Policy and Procedure number 104, which addresses the proper use and maintenance of the 1967 Van Pelt parade fire engine and establishes driver and safety person qualifications, and describes the request and approval process for using the parade fire engine; and

WHEREAS, OFD will require organizations interested in using the 1967 Van Pelt parade fire engine to first obtain a permit from the Fire Department, and permittees will be required to provide insurance, list the City as an additional insured and indemnify the City; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City of Oakland authorizes the City Administrator to allow the Oakland Fire Department and other identified City of Oakland employee organizations such as International Association of Firefighters, Local 55, Oakland Firefighters Random Acts, Oakland Black Firefighters Association and Women Firefighters Associations and to non-profit organizations such as Special Olympics and Young Men's Christian Associations ("YMCA") to use the 1967 Van Pelt Parade fire engine to promote a positive image of the City of Oakland at community events within the City of Oakland and in neighboring cities, counties, and states.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California