

# BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(7)

## AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: January 15, 2008

**TITLE: A Request to Authorize the Waiver of the Bidding Procedures and Purchase of an Aerial Fire Truck**

<b>DEPARTMENT: Management Services</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING: YES ___ NO <u>x</u></b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS: A: Resolution</b>	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Travis Crabtree, Fire Chief 918-7349 Sandy Svoboda, Purchasing Officer 918-7301</b>

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda item is to authorize the purchase of an aerial fire truck for the Fire - Rescue department. The Board is requested to allow the Town to waive the formal bidding procedures using the streamlined piggybacking procedures allowed by the General Statutes (GS 143-129(g)).

### INFORMATION

As allowed by law, staff is using piggybacking procedures to purchase the fire truck. The law requires three conditions in purchasing under this process: the vendor must be willing to sell the items at a comparable or lower price; the contract with the other governmental jurisdiction must have been executed within the last twelve months; and an ad must be placed in the newspaper notifying vendors that the Town intends to purchase the vehicles using these procedures ten days prior to the Board meeting. An advertisement was placed in the Chapel Hill Herald Newspaper on January 5, 2008 to satisfy the legal requirement for the waiver of bidding procedures under G.S. 143-129(g) and the vendor has agreed to sell the fire truck at a price comparable to a contract awarded to Freehold Township Fire District No. 2 in Freehold, New Jersey within the past twelve months.

The Fire-Rescue Department wishes to purchase from Sutphen Corporation a 2008 aerial fire truck at a cost of \$911,854.

Town staff believes that piggybacking on Freehold Township's contract with this vendor will be the most cost effective and expeditious means to purchase the aerial fire truck. Thus, the Board is recommended to authorize the purchase.

### FISCAL IMPACT

This item is part of the scheduled FY07-08 CIP equipment and vehicle lease-purchase schedule. The cost of the truck is within the budget estimate.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Aldermen is requested to authorize the waiver of the bidding procedures and purchase of the aerial fire truck requested by the Fire-Rescue Department.

