

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

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Amend No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date prepared: January 24, 2008

Council Meeting Date: February 19, 2008

**TO:** Terry Ellis, City Manager

**THROUGH:** Susan K. Thorpe, Deputy City Manager *SKT*

**FROM:** Robert McKibben, Fire Chief *RM*

**PREPARED BY:** Karen Daines, Administrative Services Manager *KD*

**SUBJECT:** Resolution to authorize the submission of a grant proposal to the Arizona State Parks Department State Lake Improvement Fund for the purchase of a fireboat to be used for fire and emergency medical service provision at Lake Pleasant Regional Park.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Peoria Fire Department requests that the City Council certify a resolution approving the submission of a grant proposal to the Arizona State Parks Department State Lake Improvement Fund for the purchase of a fireboat to be used for fire and emergency medical service provision at Lake Pleasant Regional Park.

**SUMMARY:**

In 1998 the Peoria Fire Department began providing fire and emergency medical (EMS) services as the jurisdiction of responsibility at Lake Pleasant Regional Park. Over the years, staffing has incrementally been expanded to the current level of operations which include two personnel, both paramedics, 8-12 hours per day, 365 days per year. The crew is equipped with advanced life support medical equipment and a brush truck.

The fire department does not own or operate its own watercraft, despite the more than 10,000 acres of water on which incidents occur. A fire boat, owned by Pleasant Harbor Marina, may be made available for fire department use, if fire personnel respond to Pleasant Harbor Marina and meet marina personnel who shuttle them to the call(s). When not used for emergency response, the boat is utilized by the marina for towing, recovery, and similar operations.

While this arrangement has provided water access most times when needed, the boat may not be available or may be delayed if in use by the Marina or after hours when a

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boat operator is not available. In addition, there are security, control, and perception issues if marina or other non-fire personnel are using a clearly marked fire boat as well as potential safety concerns with fire personnel responding on a piece of apparatus that is not owned, maintained, or operated by the Peoria Fire Department.

Over the course of the last six months, a Fire Department labor/management workgroup has been working on the development of a strategic plan for Lake Pleasant operations. One of the recommendations of the 2008 Lake Pleasant Response Plan is to procure a fireboat and train fire department personnel as boat operators. The Arizona State Parks Department is currently accepting grant applications for State Lake Improvement Funding. This funding is made available to assist state and local units of government to fund projects on waters where gasoline powered boats are permitted; proposals are due January 31, 2008. The Peoria Fire Department would like to submit a grant application in the amount of \$211,500 to fund the purchase of a fireboat. If the grant proposal was successful, the Peoria Fire Department would request, through the Fiscal Year 2009 budget process, or through a mid-year contingency request, an additional \$40,000 to support non-grant-eligible equipment necessary to put the apparatus into service.

**ATTACHMENT:** Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 08-24

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR STATE LAKE IMPROVEMENT FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FIREBOAT FOR THE PEORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT TO BE USED FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT LAKE PLEASANT REGIONAL PARK.

WHEREAS, the Legislature under A.R.S. § 5-382 has authorized the establishment of the State Lake Improvement Fund program, providing funds to the State of Arizona, its political subdivisions for acquiring lands and developing facilities for public boating purposes; and

WHEREAS, Arizona State Parks Board (BOARD) is responsible for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary rules and procedures governing application by state and local agencies under the program; and

WHEREAS, said adopted procedures established by the BOARD require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of applications, signature authorization, the availability of local matching funds (if applicable), and authorization to sign a Participant Agreement with the BOARD prior to submission of said applications to the BOARD; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Peoria City Council hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for FY 2008 State Lake Improvement Fund assistance;
2. Certifies that the application is consistent and compatible with all adopted plans and programs of the Peoria City Council for boating facility and safety developments;
3. Agrees to comply with all appropriate procedures, guidelines, and requirements established by the BOARD as a part of the application process;
4. Certifies that the City of Peoria will comply with all appropriate state and federal regulations, policies, guidelines, and requirements as they relate to the application;
5. Certifies that the City of Peoria has matching funds in the amount of \$40,000; and
6. Appoints the Peoria Fire Chief as agent of the Peoria City Council to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, billing statements, and so on which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Peoria, Arizona, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008.

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Bob Barrett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mary Jo Kief, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Stephen M. Kemp, City Attorney