



City of Apache Junction

Home of the Superstition Mountains

DATE: JUNE 3, 2024

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

THROUGH: BRYANT POWELL, CITY MANAGER

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SUBJECT: POLICE TOWING CONTRACT EXTENSIONS

Executive Summary

In February 2024, staff proposed a tow contract extension to the city council to maintain the current contracts with Apache Sands Towing, CL King Towing, and Phoenix Metro Towing while the request for proposals (RFP) for new towing services was finalized. The city council approved this extension, as the new towing contracts were anticipated to start on July 1st. However, the RFP had to be withdrawn to clarify several points raised during the question-and-answer period. The revised RFP has been republished and is currently being processed, with a new anticipated start date of September 1st for the new towing contracts.

As a result, staff will present another extension of the current tow contracts to the city council on June 16th for a work session and on June 17th for consideration. We are providing this information early to address any questions about the extension, the new RFP, and the procurement process. We expect the new towing contract to be brought to the city council for consideration in July to adhere to the new start date of September 1st. The police towing contract extension, passed by Council in February expires June 30, 2024. The current contract needs to be extended through August 31st to ensure the City retains tow services during the interim period.

Analysis and Recommendation

If this contract expires without an extension before a new contract is set to begin, AJPD will be, in the interim, without towing services. Extending the contract prevents AJPD from being unable to tow vehicles parked illegally, from impounding vehicles involved in crimes, or from clearing car accident scenes. Until the new contract is ready for approval, extending the current contract is the only alternative to retain those services.

Next Steps

The current contract must be extended by July 1, 2024 to ensure there is no lapse in police towing service. City staff anticipates the new contract will come to Council in July and the new contract will take effect on September 1, 2024.