

## Item 24-0379: Fire Department Request to Accept Firehouse Sub Grant

### Common Council

Wed, Apr 17, 2024, 7:00PM

#### Mayor Jake Woodford 51:59

All right on to the item from safety and licensing. This is item 24-0379 fire department requests to accept firehouse sub grant. Motion and a second to approve any discussion. All right, hearing none, please cast your votes. Motion passes 14 to zero.

#### Mayor Jake Woodford 52:32

Now I'll tell you why I asked to have this separated out. I can't participate in debates. I want to let you do your thing and vote first. But I just wanted to take this opportunity to recognize Chief Hansen and his team for always looking for grant opportunities. And Chief and his team took a shot at this one. Not sure if—what is it? Laryngoscopes? Can we get chief the—sorry. Could you just talk about this, Chief Hansen, because I think it's important for the Council just to know about the process and what came to be.

#### Fire Chief Jeremy Hansen 53:11

Yes, thank you Chair. This grant was a rare opportunity. And Firehouse Subs, there's kind of a little bit of a relationship there. So what this product is, it's called a McGrath video laryngoscope. So whenever you have to put in an advanced airway or a tube in someone's throat, there is a tool called the McGill's forceps and a laryngoscope that you use while you're doing this procedure. And it requires you to get in, lift up the jaw, and look right at the vocal cords, and that's your landmark where you actually put a tube. So—and that helps someone breathe; that secures their airway. By having a video laryngoscope, it actually has a camera on it, so your head is not over their mouth so that you don't have an opportunity to take in fluids that may come out of that mouth, which they do quite often. That's why suction is really close.

#### Fire Chief Jeremy Hansen 54:11

The other part of this is it allows you to not have to manipulate the head in case there's a suspected trauma to the neck or the spine. So this is also a small part, small cost, towards our upgrade to our paramedic level service coming up next summer. So we're looking for grant opportunities to—you know, we all talk about how tight budgets are, and this \$24,001.86—I believe is the number—just helps us throughout the entire city as we plan our budgets.

#### Mayor Jake Woodford 54:46

Thanks, Chief. So just wanted to underscore the efforts that are going in to do everything we can find every grant we can, and as Chief shared with me also, they weren't sure that when they looked at the list of things the Firehouse Subs folks had funded, these radio—or video laryngoscopes we're not on the list. Imagine that. But just wanted to give a shout out to Chief and his team and appreciation for the work to secure this grant. Thank you for your support in accepting it.