Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Public Works

Date: July 7, 2009

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Referral to: Honorable Don Samuels, Chair Public Safety and Regulatory Services
Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair Ways & Means Committee

Subject: **Donation of used fire truck # 71530 by the City of Minneapolis to the City of Eldoret, Kenya, a Sister City to the City of Minneapolis.**

Recommendation:
The proper City officials approve the donation of unit 71530, a 1988 International Pumper fire truck, to the City of Eldoret Kenya for use by their fire department.

Previous Directives:
None

Prepared by: Al Thunberg, Fleet Management Specialist, PW Fleet Services Division

Approved by:

Steven A. Kotke, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

Presenters: Al Thunberg, Fleet Management Specialist, PW Fleet Services Division
Karen Wagner, Fire Department Director, Finance and Logistics

Reviews:		
	Permanent Review Committee (PRC)	NA
	Civil Rights	NA
	Policy review Group (PRG) Approval	NA

Financial Impact
Other financial impact
Financial impact is minimal. Similar trucks sold in the past have net an average of approximately $5,000 as there is little demand for fire trucks of this age. The International Leadership Institute and the City of Eldoret are working together to raise funds from the Kenya Government for shipment and training so the City will have no additional financial obligations.

Supporting Information
Please see the attached letter of request from the International Leadership Institute requesting the donation on behalf of the City of Eldoret.

Attachment: Letter

From: crcowens@stkate.edu
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 12:48 PM
To: Jackson, Alex M.; Fruetel, John S.
Cc: polesabai@yahoo.com; JudgeLange@gmail.com; crcowens@stkate.edu
Subject: Fw: Letter to Chief Jackson, City of Minneapolis

INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
5021 Vernon Avenue South, 136 Minneapolis, MN, 55436
www.internationalleadership.org

Chief Alex Jackson,
Minneapolis Fire Department
350 South 5th Street, RM 320
Minneapolis MN 55415

Dear Chief Jackson,

The International Leadership Institute is the sponsor organization for the International Sister Cities relationship between Minneapolis, Minnesota and Eldoret, Kenya. We are writing to you and the City of Minneapolis to request the donation of a Fire Engine (pumper) for the City of Eldoret Kenya through the International Leadership Institute, a Minnesota non profit organization since 1994.

The International Leadership Institute and City of Eldoret are working together to raise funds to finance shipment of the Fire Engine to Kenya, and to help in training the Eldoret fire department employees on how to use the fire engine apparatus. In order to request funds from the Kenya Government and other international organizations for shipment we require documents related to the Fire Engine. Please provide these documents for any donated Fire Engine to enable us to complete the process of shipment to Kenya.

Also, the Central Government of Kenya requires that we submit an official letter from the City of Minneapolis indicating ownership of the Fire Engine, and possibly the title (or similar document) of the engine that reflects its description. Thank you for helping in expediting this request.

Again, thank you for all of your support of this important Sister City project.

Sincerely,

Coventry Cowens

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Peter Ole-Sabay
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