



RESOLUTION OF THE HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

NO. 04

A resolution 1) supporting the submission of an application for \$1.6 million to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to purchase a new ladder truck for the Hammond Fire Department (HFD); and 2) supporting a cash match of \$145,455 to come from the HFD's millage fund.

WHEREAS, the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program, administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, exists to enhance the safety of firefighters and the public with respect to fire and fire-related hazards by providing financial assistance for critical training and equipment directly to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations, and state fire training academies;

WHEREAS, the Hammond Fire Department (HFD) is an eligible fire department with a critical need for a new ladder truck to replace a nearly 28-year-old one, which, though planned for retirement several times, remains in service because of its 109' reach—34' longer than the HFD's other ladder truck and better enabling the HFD to respond to fire at an increasing number of larger and taller structures (e.g. hotels, office buildings, distribution centers, airport facilities), as well as, most recently, to a major multivehicle accident on the elevated spans of I-55 near Manchac;

WHEREAS, the HFD desires to apply for a \$1.6 million AFG to purchase a new ladder truck and is prepared to provide \$145,455 in cash match from the HFD's millage fund for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, a successful application for this purpose would greatly enhance the safety of Hammond firefighters and the public with respect to fire, fire-related hazards, vehicle accidents, and other emergencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF HAMMOND HEREBY

- 1) supports the submission of an application for \$1.6 million to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to purchase a new ladder truck for the Hammond Fire Department (HFD); and
- 2) supports a \$145,455 cash match to come from the HFD's millage fund.

Approved and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2024.

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Council, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Hammond City Council following roll call vote: Carlee Gonzales (), Kip Andrews (), Sam DiVittorio (), Devon Wells (), Steve Leon ().

Yeas: ____ Nays: ____ Absent: ____

Lisa Cockerham
Hammond City Council Clerk

Kip Andrews
Hammond City Council President