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**CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS**

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Department

DATE: May 16, 2007

TO: Mayor Barnett

RE: Apparatus Replacement

Ronald Crowell, Fire Chief

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As you may recall, we have had discussions regarding the replacement of two Rescue/Pumpers used by the full-time Firefighter/Paramedics, along with a 1990 Seagrave Ladder Truck (Quint). I am requesting your support to present a plan to City Council that would require their approval to start the purchase process for these vehicles in 2007, even though we would not take delivery on them until 2008.

The first reason for this request is due to long build process required to manufacture these vehicles, which is at least 12 months. With the funds planned for use in the 2008 budget, if we wait until then to order, delivery would not occur until 2009. Also, it is my professional opinion that these two engines will have extremely high maintenance costs if we delay this purchase.

The second reason for this early order request is due to Auburn Hills and Mt. Pleasant Fire Departments both planning to purchase Pumpers as well. By combining efforts of all three departments, we could make a cooperative purchase that may result in substantial cost savings.

Since planning for this type of purchase is quite time consuming, I would like to provide Council with the opportunity to ask questions and provide their assurance that this is the direction they would like to take.

With your approval, I would like to request this presentation be made during the June 6<sup>th</sup> Council Work Session.

Please contact me with any questions you may have.

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