

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION TO DISPENSE WITH COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AIRBUS HELICOPTERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW H125 HELICOPTER.

WHEREAS, The Joint Air Support Unit (“JASU”) for the Cities of Glendale and Burbank currently has three (3) helicopters, one of which (N102CG) is 26 years old and needs to be replaced;

WHEREAS, earlier this year Council approved Police Department staff recommendation to purchase a replacement helicopter from MD Helicopters (Model MD-530F);

WHEREAS, due to unforeseen internal shortages and the MD’s shift to prioritizing military contracts, MD Helicopters has withdrawn from the purchase agreement, and they are unable to provide a helicopter;

WHEREAS, given the immediate need for a replacement, staff now recommends the purchase of an H125 helicopter from Airbus;

WHEREAS, the H125 model, is highly suited for multi-role law enforcement missions, including patrol operations, criminal surveillance, search and rescue, pursuit, special operations and natural disaster response;

WHEREAS, the H125 model has approximately 75% of the market share for law enforcement applications in the US and over 83 variants of the helicopter are operating in California;

WHEREAS, MD and Airbus are the only two companies that provide helicopters for law enforcement use;

WHEREAS, the Airbus H125 is a reliable and versatile aircraft that meets the operational demands of the JASU;

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 9 of the City of Glendale Charter provides an exemption to competitive bidding where the City Council determines it is in the best interests of the City to dispense with competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, Airbus Helicopters is the only source from which to obtain the helicopter with all the required features and compatibility as set forth above.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE:

1. That the foregoing facts are deemed to be true and correct and a basis for dispensing with competitive bidding and the Council hereby finds that it is in the best interest of the City to dispense with competitive bidding.

2. That the City Manager or a designee is authorized to execute an agreement with Airbus Helicopters for the purchase of a new H125 helicopter with a 30% downpayment.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS

I, SUZIE ABAJIAN, Ph.D, City Clerk of the City of Glendale, certify that the foregoing Resolution No. _____ was adopted by the Council of the City of Glendale, California, at a regular meeting held on the ____ day of _____, 2024, and that same was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

City Clerk