

**City Council of Peachtree City
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

January 20, 2009

7:30 a.m.

The Mayor and City Council of Peachtree City will hold a special called meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2009, 7:30 a.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall. The purpose of the meeting to consider the replacement of two thermal imagers for the Fire Department.

This agenda is subject to change at any time up to 24-hours prior to the scheduled meeting

CITY OF PEACHTREE CITY

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Logsdon and Members of Council

VIA: Bernard McMullen, City Manager *Bernard McMullen*
Paul Salvatore, Director of Financial Services *P.S.*
Angela Egan, Purchasing Agent *me*

FROM: Edwin Eiswerth, Fire Chief *ek*

DATE: January 14, 2009

SUBJECT: Thermal Imager Replacement

Recommendation: Request City Council approval for \$16,660 for purchase of (2) MSA Thermal Imager from FireLine Inc.. The staff recommends the purchase of two Thermal Imagers at the cost of \$16,600 to replace two Out of Service Thermal Imagers. Requests permission to spend \$10,500 from Capital Budget Line 100-3510-54-2050 (Thermal Imager Replacement) and \$6,100 from Repairs & Maintenance Equipment Budget Line 100-3510-52-2200. .

Discussion:

The Department has two Thermal Imagers that need replacement. Both are Out of Service (OOS). One of the Thermal Imagers is five years old and will cost \$3,800 to repair. The other Thermal Imager is four years old and is estimated to cost approximately the same to repair. Both have vital internal "core" components that need replacement.

The Fire Department has received two quotes for (2) MSA Evolution 5200HD Thermal Imagers.
FireLine Inc. bid was for \$16,600
Fisher Scientific was for \$30,734

We are limited to only two written quotes because the manufacturer has only two authorized dealers in our area. The Department is very satisfied with the MSA Thermal Imagers and would like to continue with this standardization. In December 2006 the City Manager approved "brand name" of MSA for our Thermal Imagers. At present we have a total of (6) MSA Thermal Imagers (including two OOS). This standardizations cuts down on operating confusion on the fire ground; also batteries, parts, and chargers are interchangeable.

These Thermal Imagers are front line pieces of equipment that are vital to the success of search and rescue operations. The Department was already scheduled to replace one Thermal Imager this year. It is not worth the cost to repair the older model Thermal Imagers with less technology and does not incorporate the recent improvements.

Budget Impact: The Department has \$10,500 already budgeted for (1) replacement Thermal Imager. The Department must move \$6,100 from repair and maintenance of equipment to make up the short fall. This is still less than the cost of repair of the two units. Request no addition funding for this purchase.