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The apparatus maintained by the Fire Department (LAFD) are the largest vehicles in the City's fleet, and care must be taken when backing them up, making turns, or maneuvering through crowds, in order to ensure that emergency personnel can arrive on scene in a safe manner. The size of these apparatus, as well as the locations of blind spots, can make this a dangerous task, especially if individuals behind or around an apparatus are unaware that it is going to move.

As technology improves, it is important for the City to adapt it in ways that improves service delivery and safety. Over the last few years, there have been remarkable technological advancements in side and rear facing cameras for all types of vehicles, including fire apparatus. The addition of this type of safety equipment enables an operator to clearly see what is around them and nearly eliminates blind spots. This technology gives fire personnel operating apparatus equipped with it the ability to efficiently maneuver their apparatus in a safe manner, in all types of environments.

In addition to cameras, microphones and loudspeakers connected to apparatus can enable fire personnel to quickly alert individuals around the apparatus when it is going to move. The City should study the feasibility of utilizing these types of safety equipment, both on apparatus currently in the fleet, and in the future on newly purchased apparatus.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Fire Department (LAFD) provide an analysis on the feasibility of requiring backup cameras and right turn cameras, as well as speakers and microphones that allow LAFD personnel to communicate with individuals behind their vehicles, on newly purchased fire apparatus, and the cost of installing these types of safety devices on apparatus currently in the fleet.

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