

Council Meeting  
August 14, 2012

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the Torrance City Council  
City Hall  
Torrance, California

**Members of the Council:**

**SUBJECT: Police – Authorize the award of a purchase order and a change order for uniforms, vests, and accessories. Expenditure: Not to exceed \$75,000.**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council authorize the award of a purchase order and a change order to Gall's/Long Beach Uniform of Long Beach, California, for the Police Department's annual requirement of uniforms, vests, and accessories on an as-requested basis, in a combined total amount not to exceed \$75,000, for the term from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

Funding

Funding is available in the Police Department operating budget.

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

On July 1, 2012, two purchase orders were issued to Gall's/Long Beach Uniform for the Police Department's annual requirement of uniforms and accessories. Purchase Order number 2013-104 in the amount of \$30,000 was issued for general-purpose uniforms and accessories, charged to a single budget code.

Purchase Order number 2013-116 was issued in the amount of \$8,000 for special-purpose uniforms and accessories, for specialty details such as SWAT, K-9, and Beach Patrol. This purchase order is not encumbered as specialty uniform needs cannot be forecast, and the expenditures are charged to a variety of budget codes based on where the respective programs are housed. We are also requesting that this purchase order be increased by \$7,000 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$15,000. Maintaining separate purchase orders to the same vendor has proven the most efficient means of administering these purchases.

The Police Department also has an annual requirement for bullet-resistant vests. Vests from various manufacturers were recently evaluated by police personnel, with the vest model selected being manufactured by Protective Products International. The Purchasing Division obtained competitive quotes as follows:

| Vendor                                      | Unit Price                    |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Galls/Long Beach Uniform<br>Long Beach, CA  | \$500.00                      |
| San Diego Police Equipment<br>San Diego, CA | \$503.67                      |
| Ventura Uniforms<br>Ventura, CA             | "No Bid" (special order only) |

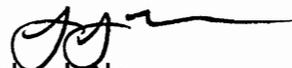
Galls/Long Beach Uniform submitted the lowest quote. The issuance of an additional purchase order to Galls/Long Beach Uniform in the amount of \$30,000 for bullet-resistant vests and the issuance of a change order increases the cumulative total of purchases to one vendor to over \$40,000 and therefore requires City Council authorization.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. NEU  
Chief of Police

By  Laurie Anderson  
Business Manager

CONCUR:

  
John J. Neu  
Chief of Police

  
LeRoy J. Jackson  
City Manager