

Council Meeting of
November 20, 2012

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: General Services – Authorize a sole-source purchase for ten (10) model year 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor Sedans.

Expenditure: \$250,185.80

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the General Services Director that the City Council authorize the sole-source purchase of ten (10) model year 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor (CVPI) patrol sedans to Wondries Fleet Group of Alhambra, CA in the amount of \$250,185.80 (including sales tax, tire, and delivery fees).

Funding

Funding is available in the FY 2012-2013 Fleet Vehicle Replacement Fund Operating Budget.

BACKGROUND

Ford Motor Company is no longer producing the Crown Victoria Police Interceptor and the 2011 model was the last production year. For many years, this Police Interceptor has been the vehicle of choice for the Torrance Police Department (TPD) and countless other law enforcement agencies.

The Torrance Police Department is currently conducting research and analysis, and joining in discussions with other police departments in an effort to identify a suitable future replacement vehicle for the CVPI.

Wondries Fleet Group has the only remaining inventory of new and unused 2011 CVPIs, and therefore, the Police Department would like to purchase ten (10) CVPI sedans for the following reasons:

1. The Torrance Police Department has ten (10) CVPIs currently scheduled for replacement based upon the City's 4-year or 75,000 mile replacement eligibility criteria for patrol vehicles.
2. The Ford CVPIs have proven to be reliable vehicles with good maintenance track records.
3. There are several aftermarket components such as light bars and cages that, depending on their remaining service life, can be transferred to the new vehicles from the previous CVPIs that are being taken out of service.
4. The cost to switch over to newer police interceptor vehicles, such as the Chevrolet Caprice, would be prohibitive based on both the higher unit cost of the vehicle as well as the high cost of outfitting all the vehicles from the ground up.

Vehicles to be replaced are as follows:

Vehicle #	Year, Make, Model	Mileage
7209	2008 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor	60,550
7210	2008 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor	60,606
7211	2008 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor	62,317
7214	2008 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor	45,778
7215	2008 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor	59,875
7216	2008 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor	64,688
7217	2008 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor	71,004
7220	2008 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor	59,763
7221	2008 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor	69,065
7222	2008 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor	46,147

ANALYSIS

A Sole-Source Purchase is allowable under section 22.3.17 of the City's Municipal Code, which states:

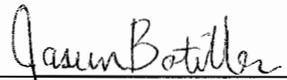
- a) The provisions of this Article will not apply to purchases of sole-source services or property, which purchases will be made in accordance with such procedures and regulations as will be established by the City Manager.

- b) For purposes of this Section, "sole-source purchases" means those purchases where it would be undesirable or impossible for the City to advertise for bids for particular work or for patented items, or experimental or unique services or products, or where competitive purchases would be unavailable or would not prove advantageous for the City. No sole-source purchases may be made where to do so would show favoritism, improvidence, extravagance, fraud or corruption, or result in the waste of public funds, but may be used only to obtain the best economic result for the public.

In keeping with the City's long term goal of "greening" the fleet to reduce emissions within the community, staff continues to consider alternative fuel options each time that vehicles are replaced. In this instance, police pursuit vehicles would not be suitable candidates for alternative fuel application due to the severe duty requirements associated with their use.

Respectfully submitted,

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