

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

Members of the Council:

**SUBJECT: General Services - Authorize a purchase order for eight (8) 2007 Chevrolet Impala Midsize Sedans. Ref. Bid No. B2007- 08.
Expenditure: \$147,557.74 (including sales tax)**

RECOMMENDATION

The General Services Director recommends that City Council:

- a) Authorize the purchase of eight (8) 2007 Chevrolet Impala midsize sedans from Maurice J. Sopp & Son of Huntington Park, California. Total purchase price including sales tax is \$147,557.74.
- b) Appropriate \$147,557.74 from the Fleet Services Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund.

Funding

Funding is available in the Fleet Services Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Fund.

BACKGROUND

The proposed vehicle purchases are scheduled replacements for the eight (8) vehicles listed below, all of which are assigned to the Torrance Police Department (TPD) and used primarily as Detective vehicles.

TPD staff has evaluated pros and cons of various midsize four-door sedans and have concluded that the Chevrolet Impala provides the best ergonomics for their intended use. These vehicles are occasionally used to transport suspects and are best suited for this task compared to most other four-door sedans. TPD also currently has eleven (11) Impalas in their fleet. These vehicles have provided the best overall service compared to other sedans in their fleet, including the Dodge Stratus' that are being retired with this purchase. Vehicle standardization also provides logistical benefits for Fleet Services in terms of helping to reduce repair part inventories and standardizing vehicle maintenance and repair services.

All of these vehicles have exceeded their established service life and are in need of replacement.

Veh #	Year	Make	Model	Mileage	Vehicle Condition
7063	1997	Ford	Taurus	80,052	Engine & Transmission problems
7072	1998	Dodge	Stratus	78,352	Excessive Interior & Exterior damage
7073	1998	Dodge	Stratus	81,605	Suspension problems
7074	1998	Dodge	Stratus	55,626	Repetitive Brake issues
7075	1998	Dodge	Stratus	35,761	Brake & Chassis Electrical problems
7076	1998	Dodge	Stratus	48,390	Repetitive Brake & Transmission issues
7077	1998	Dodge	Stratus	79,353	Transmission slipping & ready to fail
7079	1998	Dodge	Stratus	50,475	Brake & Transmission problems

ANALYSIS

Formal bids were opened on February 15, 2007. Staff recommends that the vehicles be purchased from the lowest responsible bidder, Maurice J. Sopp & Son of Huntington Park, California.

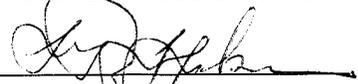
Bids are as follows:

Vendor	Minimum Bid Specifications	Total Bid Price (Including Sales Tax and Tire Fees)
Maurice J. Sopp & Son * Huntington Park, CA	Quantity of Eight (8) 2007 Chevrolet Impalas Model LT 2LT	\$147,557.74
Lake Chevrolet Lake Elsinore, CA		\$148,848.00
Good Chevrolet Alameda, CA		\$149,498.30
Vermont Chevrolet, Inc. Los Angeles, CA		\$158,563.60
Jimmie Johnson Kearny Mesa Chevrolet, San Diego, CA		\$160,973.76
Martin Chevrolet Torrance, CA		\$180,674.32 (\$178,868.27 with 1% sales tax consideration for Torrance-based vendors)

* Lowest Responsible Bidder

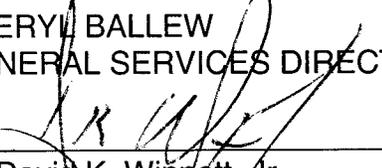
CONCUR:


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General Services Director


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City Manager

Respectfully Submitted,

SHERYL BALLEW
GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

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