

Council Meeting of  
March 6, 2007

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

**Members of the Council:**

**SUBJECT: General Services - Authorize the purchase of five (5) 2007 Chevrolet Tahoes with Police Package.  
Expenditure: \$173,281.65 (including sales tax)**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The General Services Director recommends that the City Council:

- a) Authorize the purchase of five (5) 2007 Chevrolet Tahoes with Police Pursuit Package from Good Chevrolet of Alameda, California. Total purchase price, including sales tax is \$173,281.65. Ref. Bid No. B2007- 07
- b) Appropriate \$173,281.65 from the Fleet Services Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund.

**Funding**

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

**BACKGROUND**

The proposed vehicle purchases are scheduled replacements for the five (5) Crown Victoria Police Interceptors (CVPI) listed below, all of which have exceeded their established service life, or have been recently removed from service due to irreparable collision damage. In the case of these five CVPI's, Torrance Police Department (TPD) wishes to convert the replacements to the new Chevrolet Tahoe. TPD currently uses CVPI's as platforms for Sergeants and CSI units. Unfortunately, the CVPI does not provide sufficient load-carrying capacity or the interior space required for these specialized assignments. The introduction of this new pursuit-rated Tahoe will now provide TPD with a vehicle more suitable for these specialized applications, with the added benefit of having pursuit capabilities if needed by the Sergeants. (TPD has had Tahoe's in its fleet in the past, but the manufacturer discontinued providing a pursuit rated version for a short period of time, thereby forcing TPD to use the CVPI platform).

Vehicles to be replaced:

<b>Veh #</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Make</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Mileage</b>	<b>Vehicle Condition</b>
7376	2004	Ford	Crown Victoria	46,436	Traffic Collision - Total Loss
7343	2002	Ford	Crown Victoria	54,506	Traffic Collision - Total Loss
7349	2003	Ford	Crown Victoria	99,449	Repetitive Electrical Problems
7351	2003	Ford	Crown Victoria	71,381	Internal Engine Noise
7352	2003	Ford	Crown Victoria	79,656	Brake & Suspension Issues

## **ANALYSIS**

Formal bids were opened on February 15, 2007. Six (6) bids were received, one (1) of which was non-responsive because it was not in compliance with the City's bid specifications. Staff recommends that the subject vehicles be purchased from the lowest responsible bidder, Good Chevrolet of Alameda, CA.

Bids are as follows:

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Total Bid Price (Including Sales Tax and Tire Fees)</b>
Good Chevrolet* Alameda, CA	\$173,281.65
Wondries Fleet Group Alhambra, CA	\$175,798.45
Sopp Chevrolet/Maurice J. Sopp and Son Huntington Park, CA	\$176,512.45
Jimmie Johnson Chevrolet San Diego, CA	\$181,041.20
Martin Chevrolet Torrance, CA	\$191,402.70 (\$189,445.36 with 1% sales tax consideration for Torrance-based vendors)

\* Lowest Responsible Bidder

CONCUR:

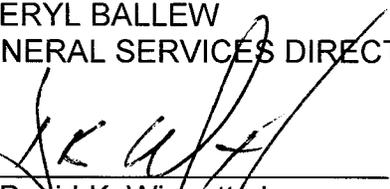
  
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General Services Director

  
LeRoy J. Jackson  
City Manager

Respectfully Submitted,

SHERYL BALLEW  
GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

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