

Council Meeting of
August 7, 2007

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: General Services - Authorize a purchase order for two current year model Toyota Avalon XL Sedans. Expenditure: \$54,557.04 (including sales tax and tire fees)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Services Director recommends that City Council authorize the purchase of two (2) current year model Toyota Avalon XL sedans from Carson Toyota of Carson, California (Bid No. B2007-30) in the amount of \$54,557.04, including sales tax and tire fees.

Funding

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

BACKGROUND

The proposed vehicle purchases are replacements for the two (2) vehicles listed below, both of which are assigned to the Torrance Police Department (TPD) and designated as special use vehicles.

Veh #	Year	Make	Model	Mileage	Vehicle Condition
7110	2005	Toyota	Camry LE	74,295	Transmission failure
7127	2005	Toyota	Avalon	20,356	Collision damage beyond repair

In keeping with the City's desire to reduce vehicle emissions wherever possible, hybrids and other alternatively fueled vehicles were considered as potential replacements for these vehicles. However, after considering the demanding operational requirements placed on these particular vehicles, TPD staff have determined that in this instance, neither hybrids nor other alternatively fueled vehicles would be suitable replacements.

ANALYSIS

Formal bids were opened on July 19, 2007. Staff sent a bid notice to Torrance Toyota, but the Fleet Manager at Torrance Toyota declined to bid because dealership management felt that their pricing would not be competitive for the particular vehicles being requested. When staff contacted Fleet Managers at other Toyota dealerships to determine why they did not respond, most stated that they did not recall receiving the bid notices, even though the notices were mailed directly to their Fleet Manager's attention. Carson Toyota, the sole bidder, is in full compliance with the bid requirements. Following are the results:

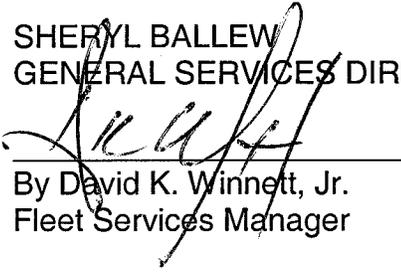
Bids are as follows:

Vendor	Total bid price
Carson Toyota * Carson, CA	\$ 54,557.04

* Lowest Responsible Bidder

Respectfully Submitted,

SHERYL BALLEW
GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR


By David K. Winnett, Jr.
Fleet Services Manager

CONCUR:


Sheryl Ballew
General Services Director


LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

for