

Council Meeting  
December 11, 2007

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

### **Members of the City Council**

**SUBJECT: Police - Appropriate and allocate Inmate Welfare funds and approve a Purchase Order for the purchase and installation of jail door locks. Expenditure: \$51,525.30**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the Police Chief that City Council appropriate and allocate \$51,525.30 from the Inmate Welfare Fund, and issue a purchase order to Southern Folger Detention Equipment Company of San Antonio, Texas, for the purchase and installation of 20 jail door locks.

### **FUNDING**

Funding is available in the Inmate Welfare Fund.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Police Department recently found it necessary to repair a defective lock to one of the security doors in the Jail facility, and found that the lock is obsolete and parts are no longer available. A total of 20 such locks are in need of replacement.

### **ANALYSIS**

The Inmate Welfare Fund derives revenue from pay telephones located in the jail. The fund may be used for the welfare of inmates, such as for blankets, pillows, and magazines, and for jail repairs.

The current jail facility at the Police Department has been in continuous operation since it was completed in 1982. Over the years, problems resulting from normal wear and tear have been addressed by City maintenance personnel. However, there have been occasions where it has been necessary to contact Southern Folger Detention Equipment Company, the company that supplied the cell door locks, for repair or replacement of locks. As a result of an inspection of the jail in 2006, it was necessary to replace locks on six access doors to the jail facility.

Since that time, the Department has experienced a problem with a lock on one of the sliding security doors. Southern Folger was contacted for an inspection and possible repair. The vendor informed staff that the lock cannot be repaired; that model of lock is obsolete and parts are no longer available. The lock can be replaced with a new model designed for sliding security doors. The replacement does require retrofitting the door to accept the new model lock mechanism. Inasmuch as there are 20 obsolete locks installed in the Jail, it is staff's opinion that it is in the Department's and City's best interest to replace all 20 locks. The keyway and associated parts of the replacement locks will be compatible with existing keys and electronic control systems if the Department stays with the same vendor. It is staff's opinion that it would be undesirable to obtain the services of a different manufacturer. Thus, this purchase qualifies as a sole-source purchase.

Municipal Code §22.3.17 - Exceptions; Sole-Source Purchases states in part:

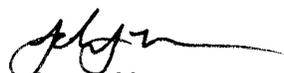
*"Sole-source purchases shall mean those purchases where it would be undesirable or impossible for the City to advertise for bids for particular work or for patented items, or experimental or unique services or products, or where competitive purchases would be unavailable or would not prove advantageous for the City."*

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

**Anderson, Laurie**

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**From:** Rizzo, Geoffrey  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 29, 2007 8:08 AM  
**To:** Anderson, Laurie  
**Subject:** FW: Defective Jail Locks

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Neu, John  
**To:** Smith, David; Kreager, Kevin  
**Sent:** Fri Nov 16 09:54:19 2007  
**Subject:** FW: Defective Jail Locks

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**From:** Jackson, LeRoy  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2007 9:52 AM  
**To:** Neu, John  
**Subject:** RE: Defective Jail Locks

Concur -- will need to go to Council -- ljj

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Neu, John  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2007 9:50 AM  
**To:** Jackson, LeRoy  
**Cc:** Giordano, Mary  
**Subject:** Defective Jail Locks

I want to make you aware of a problem we have in our jail facility. Representatives from Southern Folger Detention Equipment Company were recently contacted regarding a defective lock in our Jail. The lock in question is located on the inner sliding door that leads to the front of the Station. This is the door that we use to discharge prisoners. As a result of our contact we learned that the model of lock body currently in use at our jail is obsolete and no longer manufactured by Southern Folger. They do manufacture a replacement model; however installation of the new lock requires retrofitting the door. Inasmuch as we have twenty of the obsolete locks in the jail, we asked for a quote to replace all twenty. The quote includes the locks and parts and labor to retrofit the doors - the price - \$46,593.00. With a 10% contingency it's \$51,525.30. Funding is available in the Inmate Welfare Fund and an expenditure of this nature is appropriate for the fund. With your approval I will have our folks move forward with this project. Also, this type of work will not cause us to shut down our jail for the repairs. Thanks LeRoy