

Council Meeting of
April 1, 2008

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: General Services/Police – Approve Purchase of two (2) 2008 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 (¾ ton) Pickup Trucks for use as Commercial Enforcement Vehicles.

Ref: State Contract # 1-08-23-20

Total Expenditure: \$41,071.97 (Includes Sales Tax, Tire Fees, Delivery and State Contract Service Charge)

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the General Services Director and the Police Chief that City Council authorize purchase of two (2) 2008 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 (¾ ton) pickups totaling \$40,230.21 from Coalinga Motors of Coalinga, CA, plus a 2.27% service charge payable to the State in the amount of \$841.76 for participation in the State vehicle cooperative purchase contract.

Note: A \$500 per vehicle discount (not included in above figures) is available for payment to Coalinga Motors NET 20 days. Staff will ensure that payment is expedited in order to receive this cost savings.

Funding

Funding is available from FEAP 663-Police Commercial Enforcement Vehicle project.

BACKGROUND

The Traffic and Special Events Division deploys two sworn officers to enforce traffic laws pertaining to commercial vehicles. To be part of this detail

requires specialized training and equipment for commercial truck inspections that include the areas of weight limits and the maintenance of required equipment.

With the volume of commercial truck traffic traveling to and through the City, this detail is essential in order to ensure not only the safety of our residents while driving on City streets, but also to ensure that roadways are not damaged due to trucks exceeding their weight limits.

ANALYSIS

Currently, the Commercial Enforcement Detail averages approximately 5 commercial stops per shift per officer. The number of stops is limited due to the time it takes to escort the violator to scales that are outside the City. Escorting to these scales also limits the area of the City where enforcement can be done due to legislative restrictions on how far a violator can be taken to be weighed. For example, the Detail currently is not able to conduct enforcement west of Hawthorne Blvd. due to the fact that escorting a violator from that area would exceed the distance allowed by the law.

Also, conducting enforcement on cement trucks is limited to the time it takes for the escort and the time-sensitive nature of the load. The new commercial trucks will cut down on the time the officers spend with each violator since they will be able to weigh the vehicle at the location of the stop. This will allow time for more enforcement stops per shift per officer. The trucks will also allow the Detail to conduct enforcement in the entire City as well as on cement trucks.

It is the Department's belief that the increased revenues derived from the use of these trucks will cover future vehicle maintenance and replacement costs.

Staff has evaluated acquisition of alternative fuel vehicles for this program. However, the intended use of these vehicles makes the use of alternative fuels impractical at this time.

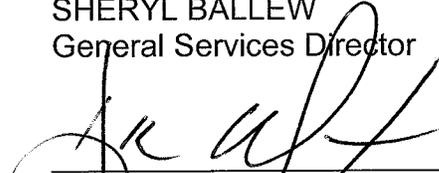
Torrance Municipal Code, SECTION 22.3.15. EXCEPTION;
COOPERATIVE PURCHASES, states:

- a) The provisions of this Article will not apply to purchases made pursuant to any cooperative governmental purchase program, which purchases will be made in accordance with such procedures and regulations as will be established by the City Manager.
- b) For the purposes of this Section, the term cooperative governmental purchase program means any combination between the City of Torrance

and any other public agency or public agencies for the joint purchase of property or services.”

Respectfully submitted,

SHERYL BALLEW
General Services Director

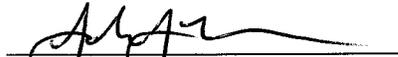


By David K. Winnett, Jr.
Fleet Services Manager

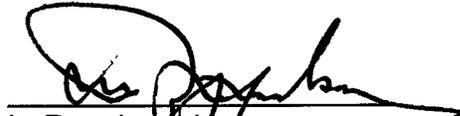
CONCUR:



Sheryl Ballew
General Services Director



John J. Neu
Chief of Police



LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager