

Council Meeting  
August 12, 2008

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

**Members of the Council:**

**SUBJECT: Police - Authorize a blanket purchase order to San Diego Police Equipment Co. for ammunition. Expenditure: Not to exceed \$65,200.**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council authorize a blanket purchase order to San Diego Police Equipment Co., of San Diego, California, in an amount not to exceed \$65,200, for purchases of ammunition on an as-needed basis. The purchase order will be for a 12-month term beginning August 13, 2008, and ending August 12, 2009.

Funding

Funding is available in the Police Department's operating budget (Range; Shoot Range Supplies account).

**BACKGROUND**

The Police Department provides sworn personnel with the necessary safety equipment and ammunition to become proficient in their duties. Traditionally, the Department has done this through numerous purchase orders issued to vendors for the needed items. Vendors are required to demonstrate that they stock the requisite products and are in a reasonable proximity to the Department.

**ANALYSIS**

The Police Department requires officers to qualify with any firearm they use in the field while on duty. Ammunition for bi-monthly qualification is provided by the Department. Additionally, newly hired officers use a large quantity of ammunition during training. Over the past few years, ammunition prices have risen sharply due to higher material costs and increased demand by the U.S. Military. Many ammunition orders for law enforcement go unfilled or are only partially filled by suppliers. The Police Department needs to be able to make ammunition purchases quickly as product

becomes available in order to keep up the training regimen and have sufficient supplies in reserve.

Subsequently, the Department's ammunition supplier(s) must: have adequate stocks of the product on hand to meet ongoing Department needs; offer the ammunition at a reasonable price; and be able to deliver ammunition supplies in a timely manner. Experience has proven that San Diego Police Equipment Co. consistently meets the Department's demand for ammunition within these specialized needs. As a major Southern California distributor that extends competitive pricing and reliably delivers within tight Department timelines, the transaction with San Diego Police Equipment Co. is appropriate as a Special Opportunity Purchase per section 22.4.5 of the Torrance Municipal Code.

TMC SECTION 22.4.5. SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY PURCHASES.

Special opportunity purchases may be made by the City Manager where:

a) The City Manager finds that the proposed purchase that is subject to this Article is either below the current market price and will result in a significant cost savings to the City, or that the proposed purchase is not more than the current market price, and that significant time will be saved in delivery or installation of the equipment by such a purchase; and

b) The City has a current need for the item or items of property to be purchased.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. NEU  
Chief of Police

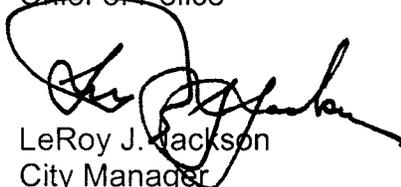


By Lt. Patrick Shortall  
Research & Training Division Commander

CONCUR:



John J. Neu  
Chief of Police

  
LeRoy J. Jackson  
City Manager