



City of Emeryville

CALIFORNIA

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 1, 2020

TO: Christine Daniel, City Manager

FROM: Robert Schreeder, Interim Chief of Police

SUBJECT: **Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Authorizing The City Manager To Purchase Three Marked Ford Explorer Police Enforcement Vehicles, In A Total Amount Not To Exceed \$117,352.91 From Folsom Lake Ford, And The Necessary Emergency Patrol Vehicle Equipment From Pursuit North, at an estimated amount of \$42,079.01 And to Appropriate Said Funds from Fund 660**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the above-entitled resolution to purchase three 2020 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor SUV vehicles from the State of California Enforcement Vehicle Contract, for a total amount not to exceed \$117,352.91. In addition to the purchase price of the vehicle, there is an additional cost estimated at \$42,079.01 for the purchase and installation of the emergency vehicle equipment for the three patrol vehicles. This is a scheduled fleet replacement of one 2015 patrol K-9 vehicle and two 2016 patrol vehicles. Funding for this purchase is allocated in the City Vehicle Replacement Fund.

BACKGROUND

The City has a Vehicle Replacement Program to establish a plan for the scheduled replacement of all City vehicles, including Police vehicles. The program established a replacement fund account to pay for the replacement of vehicles at the end of their useful lives. This approach has reduced maintenance costs and improved the reliability of Police Department vehicles. As a result, the City has reliable, safe vehicles to provide police services to the community.

DISCUSSION

Patrol vehicles are one of the most critical purchases made by a law enforcement agency. Selection of vehicles is determined by reliability, safety, and low maintenance. The 24-hour operation of most police vehicles in an urban environment puts an extraordinary demand upon the vehicles used by patrol officers.

Of the police fleet vehicles available on the market, staff has learned the larger storage capacity of the SUV models is best suited to carry all the equipment each officer is mandated to take on each patrol shift. Staff has learned that many California law enforcement agencies have opted for the SUV style vehicle to serve patrol operations

for similar reasons as those described above. Staff recommends that the City continue to purchase the Ford Explorer Police Interceptor model vehicle.

The City's Vehicle Replacement Program establishes a 5-year lifespan for the police patrol vehicles. This life span applies unless the long-term cost of repairing an older vehicle is not as fiscally prudent as replacing the vehicle. The 2015 K-9 patrol vehicle in the patrol fleet was purchased in FY 2015 and has been in service for 6 years. This is one year longer than the approved scheduled replacement.

The two 2016 patrol vehicles in the patrol fleet were purchased in FY 2016 and have been in service for five years. Each of these vehicles have exceeded the 5-year powertrain warranty offered by the manufacturer and have high mileage. The higher the mileage the greater down time for maintenance problems and the higher repair costs will be. The Police Department has experienced both, greater down time for repairs and higher repair costs, with older vehicles.

FISCAL IMPACT

Under Emeryville Municipal Code section 3-6.02(c)(2), the City is exempt from noticing the purchase of the vehicles and the emergency vehicle equipment if the City "piggybacks" on another state agency's public bid. Staff obtained a bid from Folsom Lake Ford, the fleet vehicle dealer who holds the State Bid for the Ford Explorer Police Inceptor vehicles (see attached price quotes). The proposal is for the purchase of three vehicles scheduled to be decommissioned in FY20/21 and for the purchase and installation of the emergency vehicle equipment needed for each vehicle, as outlined in the Vehicle Replacement Program, Fund 660.

STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

Staff has had no communication with the public on this matter.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution authorizing the purchase of three Ford Explorer Police Interceptor SUV's from Folsom Lake Ford and the purchase and installation of necessary emergency patrol vehicle equipment for a total amount not to exceed \$159,431.92. This price includes the purchase price of the vehicles, the estimated purchase price of the needed emergency patrol vehicle equipment, the estimated price of the installation of the equipment and sales tax.

PREPARED BY: Andrew Cassianos / Lieutenant of Police

**APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:**



Christine Daniel, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

- Draft Resolution
- Price Quotes: Folsom Ford Patrol and K-9 Vehicles