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Chief of Police



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POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO: Ms. Patti McLauchlin, City Manager

FROM: Sean Brandenburg, Chief of Police

DATE: 1/25/23

RE: Authorize the purchase of twenty-two (22) 2023 Ford Police Interceptor SUV vehicles and two (2) 2023 Ford F-150 Police Responder K-9 trucks at a total amount not to exceed \$1,442,342.92 from Bartow Ford through piggybacking on the Charlotte County purchasing contract 21000541 pursuant to Section 2-797 (3)(a)(b)(c) (Purchase Under Government Contract) of the Code of Ordinances and Section 2-797 4 (b) (Best Interest) for use by the Key West Police Department; Authorizing any necessary budget transfers or adjustments; Authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute necessary documents upon consent of the City Attorney.

Action Statement:

Authorize the purchase of (22) 2023 Ford Police Interceptor (SUV) Vehicles at a unit/vehicle cost of \$59,501.10, and (2) 2023 Ford F-150 Police Responder K-9 Trucks at a unit/vehicle cost of \$66,659.36 from Bartow Ford, pursuant to the Florida Charlotte County Purchasing contract 21000541 at a total cost of \$1,442,342.92. This purchase is made pursuant to City of Key West Ordinance Section 2-797(3)(a)(b)(c), Section 2-797 4(b) (Best Interest).

Background:

The Key West Police Department is budgeted this fiscal year (FY22/23) to purchase the listed vehicles. The (22) Police Interceptor SUVs are replacing 2013, 2014, and 2015 patrol vehicles that have far exceeded their useful and reliable service life. The (2) F-150 Police Responder K-9 Trucks are replacing 2018 Chevrolet Tahoes that are regularly experiencing mechanical issues and have reached their useful and reliable service life.

Due to Covid and the resulting worldwide economy changes, our annual vehicle acquisition was halted, allowing the regularly replenished fleet to age another year. It should also be noted that our vehicle order for FY 2021/2022 arrived approximately 13 months after it was ordered.

Bartow Ford provided quotes with the requested vehicles/specifications in the amount of \$59,501.10 (unit price) for the (22) Police Interceptor SUVs and \$66,659.36 (unit price) for the (2) F-150 Police Responder K-9 Trucks. These vehicles/trucks are designed specifically to meet the needs of the Key West Police Department.



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Bartow Ford was awarded the contract (21000541) for the Charlotte County, Florida Sheriff's Office Fleet in a competitive process.

We attempted to obtain quotes from Alan Jay Automotive Network and Duval Ford. They emailed and advised they were not able to provide us with a quote for the specific vehicles/truck we requested due to the Ford Motor Company Order Bank being closed.

Quotes and specifications for all vehicles/trucks may have different codes for aftermarket or OEM equipment depending on the contract. All the equipment listed whether dealer installed or OEM from the factory is the same. The Bartow contract with Charlotte County calls for aftermarket equipment to be at cost.

The Office of Law Enforcement Standards (OLES) and the National Institute of Standards and Technology develop equipment standards based on laboratory evaluation of commercially available products. Police vehicles are part of the equipment tested annually by the State of Michigan Department of State Police. A comprehensive evaluation is completed on the vehicles that meet the standards established by OLES. The 2023 Ford Police Interceptor SUV and the 2023 Ford F-150 Police Responder truck meets the OLES standards.

As in previous fiscal years the use of the Police Interceptor SUV package driven by both patrol and administrative personnel, has proven to be reliable and mechanically superior to the aging Interceptor sedans that will be replaced in full with this purchase. The Police Interceptor SUV is now a proven platform in use by the department. This vehicle is designed specifically to meet the needs of police road patrol duties and is expected to perform well in all categories.

Based upon the above data and evaluation, standard equipment, dealer relationship, city maintenance history, and the manufacturers commitment to Law Enforcement, the Fleet Services Division of the City of Key West recommends these 2023 F-150 Police Responder K-9 Trucks.

Purpose and Justification:

The vehicles/trucks described are necessary to maintain proper function of essential components of the Police Department. These vehicles/trucks are replacing 2013/14/15 Interceptor sedans and SUVs that have surpassed their useful service life as police vehicles.

Vehicle/Truck specifications and cost are as follows: (22) 2023 Ford Police Interceptor (SUV) vehicles at a unit cost of \$59,501.10, and (2) Ford F-150 Police Responder K-9 trucks at a unit cost of \$66,659.36 from Bartow Ford, pursuant to the Florida Charlotte County Purchasing contract 21000541 at a total cost of \$1,442,342.92. See attached quotes for exact specifications.



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Options:

One option is to purchase the vehicles/trucks from Bartow Ford Fleet, “piggy-backing” on Charlotte County’s contract. This option would allow for the City of Key West to purchase the needed vehicles per the exact specifications required. The purchase of these vehicles provides important tools for public safety, worker efficiency and delivery of professional police service to the community.

Another option is to forgo the purchase of these vehicles/trucks. This would result in an increasing lack of functionality from using aging and unreliable vehicles, as well as increased public safety risks and increased cost to maintain a fleet past its useful and reliable service life.

Financial Impact:

A total amount of \$1,395,322.00 is budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget for the aforementioned (22) Police Interceptor SUVs and (2) Police Responder K-9 Trucks. The specific account is 101-2101-521-6400, Infrastructure Surtax Fund, Police Department, Machinery and Equipment. Total actual cost is \$1,442,342.92 leaving a funding deficit of approximately \$47,020.92. Per the recommendation of the Finance Director, we request \$47,100.00 be transferred from the Infrastructure Surtax Fund Operating Reserve account, 101-1900-519-9803.

Recommendation:

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