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**Chief of Police**



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**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** Mr. Jim Scholl, City Manager  
**FROM:** Donald J. Lee Jr., Chief of Police  
**DATE:** November 1, 2014  
**RE:** Purchase Agreement for Police Harley Davidson motorcycles from Chester's Ft. Lauderdale Harley Davidson

**Action Statement:**

This resolution authorizes the Key West Police Department to replace its two (2) 2011 Department owned police motorcycles with two (2) 2015 Harley Davidson Police Road King motorcycles.

**Background:**

The Key West Police Department utilizes five (5) Harley Davidson Police Road King Motorcycles for the Traffic Unit to meet the various duties and responsibilities that are required of that unit. Three (3) of these motorcycles are leased and two (2) are department owned. The leased motorcycles are primary units, used for the day to day traffic operations of the department. The city owned motorcycles are used to augment the leased bikes and assist with special events. The normal rotation cycle for the department owned motorcycles is four years. The current motorcycles are 2011 model Road Kings and no longer under warranty, thus all maintenance, parts and associated up keep costs are incurred by the Police Department and City of Key West. There are only two (2) Harley Davidson dealerships within a practical distance of Key West for the purchase and maintenance of KWPD motorcycles. Peterson's H.D. is offering a trade in allowance of \$6000 per motorcycle, for our currently owned motorcycles. Chester's Ft. Lauderdale HD is offering a higher trade in allowance \$9000 per motorcycle. Peterson's offers a purchase price \$18,000 per motorcycle. Chester's offers a purchase price of \$15,855 per motorcycle. These figures represent a cost savings of \$9541.86 between Peterson's (\$27,895) and Chester's (\$18,353.14). It is in the best interest of the city to trade in our two (2) 2011 department owned motorcycles and purchase two (2), 2015 models from Chester's HD for a total of \$18,353.14 (remaining balance after trade in & associated costs). Given the



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circumstances, it was determined that resorting to competitive bidding would not result in a better price than we are receiving from Chester's.

**Purpose and Justification:**

The duties and functions of the Key West Police Traffic Unit include, but are not limited to parade escorts, dignitary escorts, special event participation, and daily traffic enforcement operations. These motorcycles are critical to meet mission requirements of the traffic unit and the department.

**Option:**

One option is to trade in our two (2) department owned motorcycles and purchase two (2) new 2015 Harley Davidson Police Road King motorcycles from Chester's Ft. Lauderdale Harley Davidson.

Another option is to forego the purchase and keep the current motorcycles resulting in increased maintenance costs and upkeep.

**Financial Impact:**

Funding for these motorcycles is contained in the FY14/15 Police Department budget in account #101-2101-521-6400, Machinery and Equipment.

**Recommendation:**

The Key West Police Department recommends trading in the two (2) 2011 department owned motorcycles and purchasing two (2) 2015 Harley Davidson Police Road Kings from Chester's Harley Davidson of Ft. Lauderdale.



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