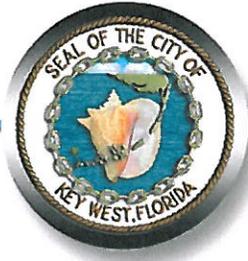


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TO: Mr. Jim Scholl, City Manager

FROM: Donald J. Lee Jr., Chief of Police

DATE: January 20, 2011

RE: Authorize the purchase of 13 Police Patrol Vehicles for \$25,191.30 per vehicle from Garber Fleet Sales for a total of \$327,486.90 (E-85 flex fuel compliant).

Action Statement:

This resolution authorizes the purchase of (13) Police Patrol Vehicles at a total cost of \$327,486.90 from Garber Fleet Sales, pursuant to 2010/11 Florida State Contract # 071-000-11-1, Motor Vehicles. This purchase is authorized through City Ordinance Section 7-797, Exemptions, (3).

Background:

These thirteen (13) vehicles will be marked patrol units and assigned to the Patrol Division. 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 2010 Evaluation included five (5) vehicle recommendations for Police use:

- Ford Police Interceptor (E 85 flex fuel)
- Chevrolet Impala (E85 flex fuel),
- Chevrolet Tahoe / Police special Service SUV (E85 flex fuel)
- Dodge Charger (no alternative fuel option offered)
- Dodge Magnum (no alternative fuel option offered)

The Impala has demonstrated numerous reliability complaints, electrical issues, front end wear issues, and ergonomic limitations. Both Dodge vehicles are newer products with no historical data with the City of Key West or with other Police agencies. The Chevrolet Impala also requires additional cost upgrades to the video systems.

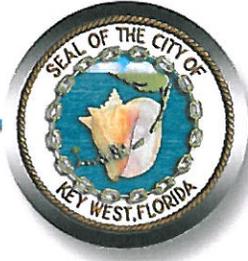


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The Chevrolet Tahoe SUV, is a Police Special Service Vehicle for use by K-9 teams and not suitable for routine patrol vehicle duties.

Based upon the above data and evaluation, standard equipment, 5 star NHTSA frontal crash test rating, fail safe cooling systems, electrical (200amp) and ergonomic improvements (adjustable pedals), dealer relationship, city maintenance history and manufacturers commitment to Law Enforcement, the Fleet Services Division of the City of Key West recommends the Ford Police Interceptor. The Police Interceptor is also E85 flex-fuel compliant.

Purpose and Justification:

The vehicles described are necessary to maintain proper function of essential components of the Police Department.

Vehicle specifications and cost are as follows:

(13) Ford Spec #1 Police Interceptor, E-85 flex-fuel 4.6L V8 engine, automatic, white, power windows and locks, keyless entry, keyed alike, Alpha Siren/speaker, 4 corner strobes, clear in rear, window mounted blue LED lights (2 Talon windshield and 2 Talon mounted in rear window), headlamp flashers, Setina 10S cage with sliding window, Whelen LED Liberty Light bar w/ blue lenses, HHS2100 handheld controller, left side spot light, rear windows and locks inoperative \$25,191.30 per vehicle.

Options:

An option is to purchase the vehicles from Garber Fleet Sales, the State Contract bidder, which is in compliance with City Ordinance Sec 2-797. This option would allow for the City of Key West to purchase the needed vehicles according to the exact specifications required and at the lowest cost to the City of Key West. The purchase of these vehicles provides important tools for public safety, worker efficiency and delivery of professional police service to the community.

The City could accept the local bid which will not be cost effective due to the State Contract bid and will exceed allowances set forth in city purchasing Code Sec 2-798(b)(1) Preferences. The local bidder, Duncan Ford, would not match the non-local bid price when given the opportunity to do so in compliance with the purchasing ordinance. Their bid was \$977.70 per vehicle, or \$12,710.10 above the non-local bid for all thirteen vehicles.



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The City may opt to forgo the purchase of the vehicles. This would result in the continued lack of functionality, as well as increased public safety risks and increased cost to maintain the aging fleet.

Financial Impact:

The Fiscal Year 10-11 Budget included an appropriation for the purchase of 13 patrol vehicles. However to meet our specification requirements the 2010 State Contract bid, with options, reflects a \$191.30 price increase per vehicle totaling \$2,486.90. The original budget for this item did not reflect necessary equipment to meet the required specifications of keyless entry and emergency lights visible when the trunks are open. A budget transfer from Fund 101, Account 101-1900-519.91, Reserves, will be required to facilitate this purchase

Recommendation:

Staff recommends option #1, the purchase of thirteen (13) vehicles from Garber Fleet Sales for a total of \$327,486.90.



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